

## Shorts

### Board member arrested for DUI, menacing charges

**SAGUACHE** - A town of Saguache board trustee has been arrested on felony and misdemeanor charges following a traffic stop that occurred Aug. 6.

Timothy Chittum, 57, was arrested on charges of menacing with a deadly weapon, a Felony 5 offense, and illegal discharge of a firearm, also a felony 5 offense. In addition, he was charged with careless driving, reckless endangerment, DUI/D, and prohibited use of a weapon, all misdemeanors.

Saguache Town Clerk Iris Garcia said she has no comment on the matter as Chittum has not yet appeared for his advisement hearing. He has not offered to resign or been asked to step down from his position, she said.

### VFA to meet Saturday Aug. 22 and 29

**MONTE VISTA** - VFA will meet both the fourth and fifth Saturdays of the month this August at the home of Wanda Couzens-Smith beginning at 1 p.m. until closing. Please RSVP to the numbers/email below. There will be social distancing and care will be taken to remain safe. Bring a project and a friend. Call for directions if necessary.

Wanda can be reached at 719-852-5000 or 719-580-4976. Or email her at wcouzenssmith@gmail.com.

### Civilian training in officer use of force set for Saturday

**BY TERESA L. BENNS**  
**CENTER** — In view of the recent controversy over what constitutes the use of force when police officers are detaining suspects, Center Police Chief Dale Meek is offering Center citizens an inside look at how use of force decisions are made and why. Residents can participate in the FATS training Saturday at the San Luis Valley Regional Law Enforcement Training Center 502 2nd St., Alamosa, CO 81101.

There are several main criteria to consider regarding an officer's use of force, such as:

1. the severity of the crime;
2. was the suspect an immediate threat;
3. was the suspect resisting arrest;
4. was the suspect fleeing from a lawful arrest and
5. other factors such as size of defendant/ size of officer.

Meek told participants he will be asking why they took actions in the simulator based upon these determinations.

"Folks, this will be fun and educational for you to see how officers make decisions and justify their actions," Meek commented. "I look forward to you being there. Please see **TRAINING** on Page 6A

## DA files charges against Moffat mayor

**BY TERESA L. BENNS**  
**SAGUACHE COUNTY** — Alamosa 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney Robert Willett has filed formal charges against Moffat mayor Patricia Reigel following incidents in May that have been protested by numerous Moffat citizens as well as those involved in the incident.

The court documents detailing the charges against Reigel read:

"Robert S. Willett, District Attorney for the Twelfth Judicial District, of the State of Colorado, in the name and by the authority of the People of the State of Colorado, informs the court of the following offenses committed, or triable, in the County of Saguache:

"Count 1: Official oppression (M2) — On or about May 18, 2020, Patricia Reigel, a public servant, while acting or purporting to act in an official capacity or

taking advantage of the actual or purported capacity, and with actual knowledge that the conduct was illegal, unlawfully subjected another to search, seizure, mistreatment, assessment; in violation of section 18-8-403, C.R.S.

"Count 2: First-degree official misconduct (M2) — On or about May 18, 2020, Patricia Reigel, a public servant, with intent to obtain a benefit for any person or maliciously cause harm to another, unlawfully and knowingly committed an act relating to her office but constituting an unauthorized exercise of her official function; in violation of section 18-8-404, C.R.S.

"All offenses [are] against the peace and dignity of the people of the State of Colorado."

A summons was issued for Reigel and was successfully executed on Aug. 5. Reigel is set to

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Moffat mayor Patricia Reigel



Photo by Trey Spaulding

Potato fields in full bloom north of Monte Vista.

## Potato farmers optimistic for harvest

**BY REBECCA COPLEY**  
**SAN LUIS VALLEY** - Despite 2020 being a difficult year in many respects, San Luis Valley potato growers have been able to raise a very good looking crop this season. The warmer than normal weather being one of the reasons for the healthy fields. "It's been dry but irrigation supplies have held up pretty well. We did have a frost, it affected a few fields the first of July but I think the impact has been somewhat minimal," said James Ehrlich who is the Executive Director for the Colorado Potato Administration Committee.

Ehrlich shared that they are hoping for a good yield this year but it will

depend on how well the harvest weather cooperates. "If we get a bunch of rain or inclement weather at the wrong time it could affect us but it's looking really good," commented Ehrlich.

COVID-19 has also been affecting potato growers warehouses in the Valley. "When it (COVID-19) first hit we had a huge demand, and the warehouses had to work a lot of extra hours. There was a large increase in shipments. Probably about a 30 percent increase in shipments in March and April. But we got through that, without any sickness. But then I think after people got tired of being at home too much in May we

had an outbreak at a couple of the warehouses. An outbreak is just two cases or more," said Ehrlich further sharing, "It's been hard to keep the employees in the warehouses healthy and safe. But we're trying our best to do that. Following CDC guidelines and that's all we can do. We can't control what they do when they go home."

Ehrlich shared that this harvest season is also going to present similar challenges. Making sure that harvest crews have the right protective equipment, are maintaining social distancing, and are washing their hands to prevent spreading the

Please see **HARVEST** on Page 7A

## Polis issues statewide open fire ban

### Encourages mitigation

**BY TREY SPAULDING**  
**COLORADO** - Tuesday, Aug. 19, Governor Jared Polis issued a mandatory 30-day statewide fire ban on all open fires effectively immediately. Open campfires, fireworks and other open sources of ignitions are prohibited. However, people will still be able to use home BBQs, public grills, camp stoves and approved covered fire pits, depending on local regulations. Polis cited the reason for the fire ban is due to three of the large wildfires currently burning in the state being caused by human activity and the hot dry weather is making fire behavior to be extreme.

More than 125,000 acres of Colorado have burned as four different wildfires continue to rage in different parts of the state.

Polis encouraged property owners to conduct fire mitigation on their properties as it has been proven to save property and lives.

Property owners should also review your insurance coverage of your property. Many think that if they have home "fire" insurance that they are also covered if there is a wildfire but this is often not the case. Property owners should contact your insurance agency and see if they need to take out additional coverage for a wildfire.

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**Wildfire mitigation around home and property does work.**

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# OBITUARIES

## Harold Earle Meadows, 86

Hal Meadows joined his Savior and other departed loved ones July 17, 2020. He died at home in South Fork (where he wanted to be following a brief caring stay in the Rio Grande Hospital). Hal loved life but was not afraid of death. He often said, "crossing the Jordan River into Heaven would be like crossing the Rio Grande---exchanging one heaven for another."

Hal was born March 18, 1934, in Handley, TX to Col. Benjamin Earle Meadows and Jennie Louise (Davidson) Meadows. After his father was killed in an air crash in Alaska, Hal, his mother, and two sisters moved to Graham, Texas where he graduated High School. He then attended and graduated from Southern Methodist University, in Dallas, Texas.

Hal is survived by his loving wife of 11 years Jerri Faircloth-Meadows of South Fork, CO; his sister Suzanne Meadows of Abilene, TX; his son Brett Meadows (wife Michelle) of Colorado Springs, CO; daughter-in-law Tami Meadows of Winsor, CO; four grandchildren Michael Meadows (wife Jordan) of Laramie, WY, Christopher Meadows (fiancé Sarina) of Woodland Park, CO, Katherine Meadows of Colorado Springs, CO and Carrie Anne Ball (husband Zachery) of Apex, North Carolina; and three great-grandchildren Olivia Meadows, James and Luke Ball. He was preceded in death by his father, mother, wife of 49 years Ann Hines-Meadows, son Dan Meadows and sister Diana Maltony (and husband Ed).

Hal was not one who could be idle. After retiring from the Air Force as a Lt. Col. he ran several small businesses in Colorado Springs where he hired many ex-convicts in hopes of giving them gainful employment and a new start in life. He had great



compassion for the mentally and physically handicapped and used his horses in fund raisers for various churches. He loved all animals, especially dogs and horses. He loved taking hunters on horseback into the mountains, even though he was not a hunter himself. He was adventurous—he scuba-dived in the Philippines and Korea, took flying lessons, rode motorcycles, played golf, loved being on the computer and lived life to the fullest.

He was raised Presbyterian/Baptist/Methodist but then became Catholic. He often said, "I hope God has a job for me in heaven because I cannot sit around and do nothing!" He will be missed by many friends, neighbors and family.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. at the Shrine of Remembrance in Colorado Springs on Aug. 28 followed by a private spreading of the ashes in the Rose Garden. Memorial contributions may be made in Hal's name to a charity of your choice.

## Francis Edward Dubbs, 84

Francis Edward Dubbs, age 84, of Avon Park, FL and Creede, CO, passed away Saturday, Aug. 15, 2020. Mr. Dubbs was born March 4, 1936, in Glen Rock, PA to Clinton Albert Dubbs and Beulah Mae (Bowser) Dubbs. He served our country in the U.S. Army. Francis retired from the Devlieg Machine Co after 36 years of faithful service. He moved to Avon Park in 1992 from Michigan and is a member of the Christ Lutheran Church. Francis loved volunteering and being with others whenever he was able.

Survivors include his loving wife of 57 years, Lorraine; son, Michael Edward Dubbs (Linda) of Sterling Heights, MI; grandsons, Michael and Christian and great-grandson, Austinn. Francis' family will celebrate his life 3 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 22, 2020, in the Christ Lutheran Church, Avon Park. Interment will be in Creede, Colorado. On-line condolences may be shared by visiting [www.bankspageheus.com](http://www.bankspageheus.com). Arrangements are entrusted to Banks/Page-Theus Funerals and Cremations, Wildwood.

## Lora (Djuric) Lane

It is with great sadness, we share the unexpected passing of Lora (Djuric) Lane on Aug. 9, 2020. Lora was born in Monte Vista Oct. 4, 1956 to Zivan and Elli Djuric.

Lora leaves behind Dennis, her loving husband of 47 years; her sons Corey (Kristin) Lane of Mosca, Brandon Lane of Monte Vista, the sunshine of her life, her grandchildren, Bohdi, Bella, Logan and Connor Lane, her brothers, John (Caryl) Djuric of The Villages, Florida, Earl (Eugenia) Djuric of Pueblo, Colorado; her sisters; Marie (Ron) Bray, of Blackwell, Oklahoma, Sylvia (Steve) Hanson of Walsenburg, Colorado, her nephews; Nick Hanson, Luke (Sharon) Hanson all of Colorado Springs, niece, Kalysta (Rob) Djuric-Upton of Pueblo, many nephews and nieces and great nephews and nieces across the country; sister-in-law, Jennifer Lane of Alamosa, Lora's

lifelong friend, Nora Martinez and many more friends she met along the way.

Lora enjoyed her grandchildren, gardening, gambling, camping, stopping at yard sales and hanging out visiting with family and friends. She worked for Bill McClure in Center and was soon looking forward to her and Dennis' retirement years together; camping trips with the family; enjoying their new home; the reaps of their labor building their beautiful landscape and watching their grandchildren grow up to further enjoy great grandchildren.

She looked after everyone with her heartfelt intentions and then succumbed to her loving heart one last time. We believe that Lora arrived into the spiritual world having already sent us "a sign" to let us know.

Cremation was selected and a



memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday Aug. 21, 2020 at the Rogers Family Mortuary in Monte Vista. To express condolences, please visit [www.rogersfunerals.com](http://www.rogersfunerals.com)

Rogers Family Mortuary is in care of the arrangements.

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# OPINION & EDITORIAL

## The great camper escapade

Many of you know that Ol' Dutch is constantly perusing the internet classified ads in search of that next great deal.

And depending on where I am at the moment, my interests of the day can range anywhere from livestock trailers to cattle to hunting and fishing supplies and most recently, campers.

Now you may say that Ol' Dutch already has an RV and that would be correct in terminology at least. However, hauling that 40 foot behemoth around up in the mountains to hunt or camp out of is just not my cup of tea.

So Miss Trixie and I are on the hunt for a smallish camper and honestly, I think I want an old vintage model to rehab and enjoy.

From the dictionary the word vintage can mean different things in different situations. When you look it up you see that vintage is 1) of, relating to, or produced in a particular vintage. 2) of old, recognized and enduring interest, importance or quality; classic or 3a) dating from the past; old. Or 3b) outmoded, old-fashioned.

I had mentioned to Miss Trixie one time that I, too, was a vintage model and she was quick to point out that the last definition of being out-moded and old-fashioned seems to fit Ol' Dutch the best.

But I tend to think that maybe I am more of an enduring interest, importance or quality. I mean after all Miss Trixie does endure a lot living with me.

Getting back to campers we have looked all over Hell's half acre for one that fits our needs with little success. On a drive through the area towns and neighborhoods we were completely taken aback at how many little campers there are sitting in backyards and driveways. There are at least two in every block and sometimes more than that in 1 yard.

So thinking that these rust buckets with trees growing up through the hitches or floors just might be for sale Ol' Dutch put on some decent clothes and knocked on a few doors.

When I asked the good folks about purchasing said campers, their owners assured me that all of the Dormobiles (look that one up) are in the process of being remodeled, used just last week or contain Grandma Eustace's rocker, dishes and ashes and are not for sale.

Many had trees growing up through them and I had to wonder how they took



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by Kevin Kirkpatrick

those with them camping but I guess that's built in shade when you arrive at your favorite spot. And with tires flat and the rubber off the rims I have to think that maybe they just drive on the top side of the tires that are still round.

Another thing I have noticed is that a good share of the campers I have seen online appear to have been used to keep pigs in or were recent nuclear test sites by the looks of the interiors.

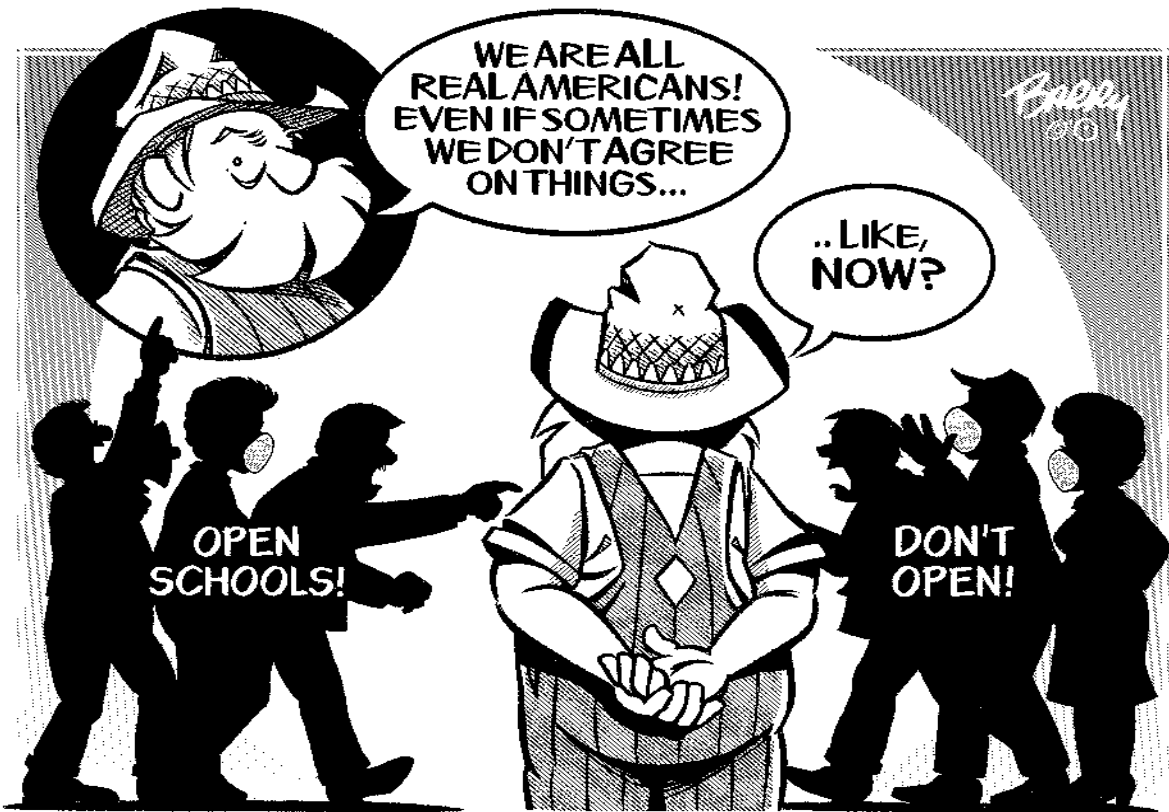
Piles of old blankets and clothing, dishes left unwashed and toilets ripped from the floor make me wonder just exactly where the people fit inside the units last weekend and if they did, I believe up wind would be best when camping next to them.

We also found quite a few RV's for sale with threats attached to the ad. You know the kind I mean. It will say, "If you don't buy it by Friday I am gonna haul it to the junkyard."

I don't know about you but I am not emotionally attached to Burt's camper, boat, car, table saw, baby buggy or bumper car enough to really care what he does with it. I tried to offer Burt \$1000 for his camper, but he said it was worth \$2,000 and would prefer to pay for it to go to the dump yard rather than take less than \$2000. Go figure.

So if you have a vintage camper sitting around let Ol' Dutch know and maybe we can strike up a deal. If it's just a vintage man you have, I am afraid there ain't much market for that and he may have to go to the bone pile with the rest of us.

*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

### Thank you Pastor Carroll for VBS program – The End of an Era after 33 Years

To the editor,

In the spring of 1985, willing members of four established churches in Monte Vista met to plan the first ever combined VBS for the community. Under the direction of Pastor Carroll Morony of The First Baptist Church, it was decided to have a five-day bible school that included help from the other 'corner' churches on the block: First Christian, United Methodist and First Presbyterian.

In June of that year, the churches worked together to provide classrooms for ages pre-school through sixth grade where bible lessons, music, games, crafts, and snacks were available for the first annual Monte Vista Community Vacation Bible School.

...and the children came. Every year they came until they were no longer of age to attend VBS. A lot of the kids then became aides to the other adults leading each class. Some continued

to help until they graduated high school. Some started teaching if they stayed in the area during college, and some continued to teach as an adult with their own children reaping the benefits of VBS.

The numbers grew each year, some years with over 100 children in attendance. Not only did the attendance grow, but the help extended to include St. Stephen's Episcopal, Seventh-Day Adventist and St. Joseph's Catholic Churches.

In 1998, The Moronys moved out-of-state. That June, Pastor Carroll worked closely with Melody Wittner, wife of the pastor from The First Christian Church. For the next 20 years, Melody directed the Monte Vista Community Vacation Bible School. She wrote the curriculum each year and made it especially important that each child would learn and feel comfortable to pray.

Through the years, different

churches decided to sponsor their own VBS and the last few years have been put together by the First Christian and United Methodist Churches, still under the direction of Melody. Even then, the number of children in attendance has averaged close to 30.

In 2019, as time to gear up for yet another year of VBS was approaching, Melody's husband, Pastor Wayne Wittner went through extensive heart surgery. During the next year, it was decided that this particular VBS was best to close its doors.

Thank you, Pastor Carroll, for having the vision of a VBS program that impacted so many of our community's children and their children. Thank you, Melody, for keeping the dream going and loving children as you do. Both of you have made a positive difference in a world that isn't always so positive, and the Monte Vista community is grateful.

## Wake up America

To the editor,

Let's Talk numbers. 160,000 COVID-19 deaths so far, predicted to reach 300,000 by year-end. Fifty-five million have filed for unemployment so far, and 300,000 small businesses have shut their doors for good.

The United States has just 4 percent of the world's population within its borders, yet we have 25 percent of the planet's COVID-19 deaths. So why are Americans six times more likely to die from this pandemic than the world as a whole?

It's due to a complete lack of leadership in the White House combined with the "anti-maskers." As

proven by the rest of the world there's only one way to beat this pandemic; social distancing combined with mask wearing.

Yet night after night we see on the news anti-mask customers screaming that they have a constitutional right to spread a deadly disease; as they assault store clerks and other customers trying to enter a store mask less. Shameful.

I point to the "No shirt, no shoes, no service" and "no smoking" signs on every business entrance as my argument against the nonsense. Never once in my 64 years have I seen a shoeless or shirtless customer assault a store clerk trying to enter a store

screaming that it's their constitutional right.

If Walmart, or any business, says that you have to wear a pink tutu to shop; you then have two choices. Buy a tutu or shop elsewhere.

I think of the anti-maskers as anti-Americans. They work against the good of the nation, led by Donald Trump. Wake up America. Already more Americans have died from COVID-19 than died in the Korean, Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan wars combined.

Citizens do your patriotic duty and social distance and wear a mask.

*Wayne Edelman  
South Fork, Colorado*

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Burned tissue that was sloughing off was cut off and bandages applied.

# Burned bear recovering well

**DEL NORTE** - Colorado Parks and Wildlife(CPW) announced Aug. 10 that the bear rescued from the East Canyon Fire near Durango is doing well. He has had his bandages removed and is continuing his healing process at the CPW Frisco Creek Rehabilitation Facility south of Del Norte. After the bear is fully healed, he will be released back into the wild. Bears that are taken in for rehabilitation are usually released near the same area where they were found.

The yearling bear, whose paws were badly burned during the fire, was rescued June 16 by CPW officers and has been recovering at the Frisco Creek facility.

The bear is a male yearling; which means it was born during the winter in 2019 and is now living on its own. Bears usually stay with their mothers for a year. It was moving alone when it was spotted by the firefighters. Michael Sirochman, veterinary manager at Frisco Creek, said the bears paws were burned, but not so deeply that the animal was



His bandages were recently removed and he is continuing his healing process at the Frisco Creek Rehabilitation Facility near Del Norte.

permanently injured. Sirochman said. "We cut off the burned tissue that was sloughing off and we put on bandages." Sirochman said the bear weighed 43 pounds and was quite thin, but that's not unusual for yearlings at this time of year.

# CLIPS FROM THE CLERK

**BY SAGUACHE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER TRISH GILBERT**

**USPS election mail update**  
There has been a significant amount of media regarding the USPS and potential service impacts to mail. This is national political debate around funding and the presidential appointment of a new Postmaster-General. However, we want to communicate accurate information about impacts to voters here in Colorado, specifically, Saguache County.

The USPS has communicated assurances that the budget situation and operational plans will not impact political and election mail.

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Use mail ballot drop boxes to insure swift return of your ballot by Election Day. If you choose to return by mail, mail no later than eight days before Election Day. Track your ballot at [www.govotecolorado.gov](http://www.govotecolorado.gov) or through your county clerk.

Don't hesitate to ask the AWESOME-ONES-! (Jane, Desiree, Ben, Dominique and Rebecca) to help by calling 655-2512.



# SLV Republican Party opens local office

**SAN LUIS VALLEY** - The San Luis Valley Republican Party has opened its campaign office for the months leading up to the General Election Nov. 3. This will enable the Rio Grande, Saguache, and Alamosa GOP groups to promote their county candidates, as well as the state and national contenders running for office.

By serving all counties, this will allow a central distribution for candidate campaign information, signs, sending out mailers, answering questions or whatever is needed to further the candidacy for those of the Republican Party.

The office can also be used for candidate "Meet and Greets," training sessions, petition

signings and voter registration. The GOP office is located at 817 Main Street (across from Pizza Hut) with office hours allowing voters an opportunity to visit.

Office hours for the office are Monday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with Tuesday through Friday being 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. As the campaign season progresses, evening and Saturday hours are possible.

Residents are invited to stop by for a cup of coffee while picking up campaign literature, yard signs, candidate and party information, and the National Platform of the Republican Party. A good political debate is also on the table.

# Congressional candidate Lauren Boebert to visit the San Luis Valley

**ALAMOSA** - The San Luis Valley Republican Party invites you to a "Meet and Greet" for Lauren Boebert, the Republican candidate for the Colorado Congressional District 3. She defeated five-term incumbent congressman, Scott Tipton, and will be facing Diane Bush from Steamboat Springs for the congressional seat in Washington, D.C.

The opportunity to meet and

greet Lauren will be Sunday, Aug. 23, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the newly opened SLV GOP headquarters at 817 Main Street (across from Pizza Hut) in Alamosa.

Lauren will present her candidacy with "question and answer" to follow.

For further information, please call the GOP Headquarters at 719-480-2852.

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# Saguache BoCC Highlights for Aug. 4 meeting

## Social Services director resigns

**SAGUACHE** — The following highlights were taken from draft meeting minutes recorded by Saguache County Clerk's office staffer Dominique White for the regular July 7 Saguache County Commissioners meeting. Commissioner Jason Anderson was absent for this meeting.

Social services Director Linda Warsh resigned effective July 27, and commissioners approved her resignation at their Aug. 4 meeting. Commissioner reports

Commissioner Tim Lovato said he has received several requests to grade a number of county roads as they are very rough and, in some places, they need gravel. He spoke with David Wykoff from the Pitch Mine Project near Sargents and Mr. Wykoff will give the commissioners a presentation on their proposal for changing the status of Marshall Creek.

Commissioner Ken Anderson reported he drove up to La Garita to see the markers of the 10 acres that are supposed to be blocked out. He said he drove some roads and things are looking good. There was a good rain last week.

**Public Health**  
Janet Beiriger reported that there were 108 COVID cases at that time but none were active.

There was one case of Chronic Hepatitis B. New CDC recommendations state that individuals must be 24 hours fever-free, symptom-free for release of isolation from COVID-19.

## Potatoes celebrated Sept. 12

By REBECCA COPLEY

**MONTE VISTA** - Many were sad to hear that the yearly potato festival had to be canceled this year due to COVID-19. However the Colorado Potato Administration Committee will still be holding a separate event Sept. 12 at Chapman Park.

"We're going to sell potatoes. Buy one bag for \$3.00 and get one free. The money will go to the Friends of Ski-Hi building project. Then we're also going to give you a baked potato. It will be more of a drive-thru event,"

## CHARGES

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appear in court on Aug. 26, 2020, 8:30 a.m., in Courtroom A.

### May 18 incident

Reigel and the town code enforcement officer are accused of improperly removing items from a local marijuana operation. They accompanied an individual, Garegin Pogosyan (aka "Po"), who had previously worked for the owner (Zengxi Gao) and claimed he was the rightful owner of certain property left at the grow.

Gao's operation was shut down by the Town of Moffat and is not operational per the State since last December, allegedly after some marijuana could not be accounted for at the facility. Pogosyan was an employee of Gao's at the time and after the shutdown could not collect his belongings.

According to a report received from a representative of the marijuana business, Reigel and the town's compliance team entered the property "under the auspices of doing a routine inspection." Sheriff Dan Warwick stated last month that Reigel and her team appear to have become involved in a matter that should have remained between an employee of the grow and his employer.

The Harvest Fresh outbreak was officially closed, she said.

County Administrator Wendi Maez presented car bids and stated Public Health is severely out of storage room. Commissioner Lovato suggested holding off and getting more bids for a vehicle.

### Sheriff's Report

At the request of Sheriff Dan Warwick, commissioners lifted the fire ban due to recent rains in the county. Warwick told commissioners he is looking for a new commercial dryer for the jail. He also asked them to tour Archuleta County's new jail to get an idea of what Saguache's jail is lacking.

The patrol side of the sheriff's department is down four employees and the jail side is down five employees. Warwick stated this is due primarily the financial aspect of things.

### County Clerk

County Clerk and Recorder Trish Gilbert requested a new liquor license be approved for Hilltop/Desert Sage in Crestone as they have no violations and the fee has been paid. Commissioners approved the request.

Commissioners also approved a salary increase for election judges and expenditures for equipment and other expenses.

### Road and Bridge

Road and Bridge supervisor Randal Arredondo gave an update for last month's work and the plan for work in August. He said he is down eight employees. They are paving and blading to keep up with the county roads, he said.

Small Business Development Center

said CPAC Executive Director James Ehrlich.

The event will be taking place Sept. 12 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Those wanting to participate are asked to line up in their vehicles similar to a drive-thru. Those running the event will load the potatoes into your car and there will be a limit of no more than five bags purchased. There will also be a limit of four baked potatoes per car.

"We don't want people to linger and socially interact in an unsafe manner.

Jason Medina with the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) addressed how the center will help support Saguache County Businesses. There is a representative in Saguache County to help with rural businesses. A local business office will include everyone. SBDC would fund the local business office. Medina will present an MOU to the attorney for review.

### Land Use

Land Use administrator Amber Wilson reported there have been two surrenders of marijuana licenses. Last Strip LLC is surrendering their medical license only. Northern Gateway Holdings surrendered everything.

### County Administrator

County Administrator Wendi Maez discussed the OEM/Code Enforcement/ Road and Bridge vehicle exchange with commissioners. She sent the board an email breakdown in the OEM budget July 22. Commissioners reviewed the bids for the air conditioner installation at the Saguache Clinic and approved a \$4,445 purchase price from COVID funds.

Commissioners also approved the purchase of a recorder's desk, equipment table, and presenter's deck from Blue Earth designs for \$3,800. The furnishings purchase is for the commissioners' room.

Maez sent a pay scale to department heads for commissioners to discuss Aug. 5.

Maez reported that two Title III funding requests have been received, one request from Daniel Johnson, Saguache County Firewise Program and one from

the Community Firewood Project.

The Community Firewood project was informed that Maez did not receive an updated request from the Baca Firewise Program. She emailed them asking to please update the request.

Maez will advertise all three requests. The Title III Funding requests will be heard Oct. 6, 2020, at 2 p.m.

### Highway 285, mile marker 114-119

Clint Brown spoke to commissioners about initiating a Highway 285 Mile Marker 114-119 speed reduction plan. Brown asked for support from the board for a reduction in speed south of the Oxcart. There have been five fatalities this year, he said and multiple semi-truck crashes. Brown will bring the commissioners a petition to give to the Colorado Department of Transportation at their next meeting.

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# FIRE BAN

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Once a wildfire breaks out in your area, insurance companies will not issue wildfire policies for your home until the fire is extinguished.

To wildfire mitigate your home the Colorado State Forest Service recommends the following wildfire preparation activities:

• Defensible space is the area around a home or other structure that has been modified to reduce fire hazard. In this area, natural and man-made fuels are treated, cleared or reduced to slow the spread of wildfire. Creating defensible space also works in the reverse and reduces the chance of a structure fire

spreading to neighboring homes or the surrounding forest. Defensible space gives your home a fighting chance against an approaching wildfire.

• Ladder fuels are defined as smaller trees and brush that provide vertical continuity, which allows a fire to burn from the ground level up into the branches and crowns of larger trees. Lower branches on large trees also can act as ladder fuels. These fuels are potentially very hazardous but are easy to mitigate. The hazards from ladder fuels near homes are especially important to address. Prune all tree branches from ground level up to a height of 10 feet

above ground or up to 1/3 the height of the tree, whichever is less. Do not prune further up because it could jeopardize the health of the tree. Shrubs should be pruned based on specifications recommended for the species. Dead branches should be removed whenever possible.

• Surface Fuels - Logs/Branches/Slash/Wood Chips Naturally occurring woody material on the ground and debris from cutting down trees (also known as slash) may increase the intensity of fires. Increased fire intensity makes a fire harder to control and increases the likelihood of surface fires transitioning

to crown fires. Dispose of any heavy accumulation of logs, branches and slash by chipping, hauling to a disposal site or piling for burning later. Always contact your county sheriff's office or local fire department first for information about burning slash piles. Another alternative is to lop and scatter slash by cutting it into very small pieces and distributing it widely over the ground. If chipping logs and/or slash, it's essential to avoid creating continuous areas of wood chips on the ground. Break up the layer of wood chips by adding nonflammable material or allow for wide gaps (at least 3 feet) between chip accumulations. Also, avoid heavy accumulation of slash by spreading it closer to the ground to speed decomposition. If desired, two or three small, widely spaced brush piles may be left for wildlife habitat. Locate these well away from your home.

• Rake and remove pine needles and dry leaves 5 feet from the home, as well as under decks, porches, sheds and play structures.

• Remove leaves and needles from

roofs and gutters.

• Sweep porches and decks clear of any burnable plant material.

• Move firewood piles at least 30 feet from the house, preferably uphill.

• Transfer items under decks or porches to a storage area.

• Cover any exposed eave or attic vents with 1/8-inch metal mesh screening.

• Ensure home address signs are clearly visible from the street.

• Contact your local Office of Emergency Management to register for emergency notifications and encourage your friends, family and neighbors to do the same.

• Confirm at least one alternate path out of your neighborhood other than the one most commonly used and be prepared for potential evacuation requiring the alternative route.

Not only will you be preparing yourself, your home and your family for a potential fire, you'll be giving a leg up to firefighters who may be called to protect your home.

# TRAINING

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Please, bring your spouse or loved one with you as this is for the benefit of all." To register, call Meek at 754-3497.

According to documents forwarded by Meek taken from podcasts used in the course, whenever a police officer effects a seizure under the Fourth Amendment that officer terminates a free citizen's movement. The seizure must be objectively reasonable. The reasonableness of any seizure is based on the facts. Facts are relevant; mere conclusions, however, are not relevant.

Generally, the more severe the crime, the more intrusive the force option may be. Whether the suspect is an immediate threat to the safety of the officer or others is generally considered the most important Graham factor. The general rule: The greater the threat, the greater the force option.

And time is a factor. Since not every encounter requires a split-second decision, the reasonable officer might say, "The more time to choose a force option, the more reasonable it should be."

Most importantly is threat to the

officer or others. For example, the courts have considered the number of suspects versus the number of officers as effecting the degree of threat. So does the size, age, and condition of the suspect confronting the officer. The duration of the action is important, especially after one stops to consider how exhausting it is to wrestle someone for two or three minutes.

Facts make force reasonable. The objective reasonableness test requires officers to rely on their senses—or what they saw, heard, smelled, tasted or touched—and then articulate a factual basis for the seizure. Was the seizure reasonable—meaning reasonable at its inception, in the degree of force used, and in its duration?

The Supreme Court stated in a precedent setting 1986 case, Graham v. Connor that, "The reasonableness of a particular use of force must be judged from the perspective of a reasonable officer on the scene, rather than with the 20/20 vision of hindsight.

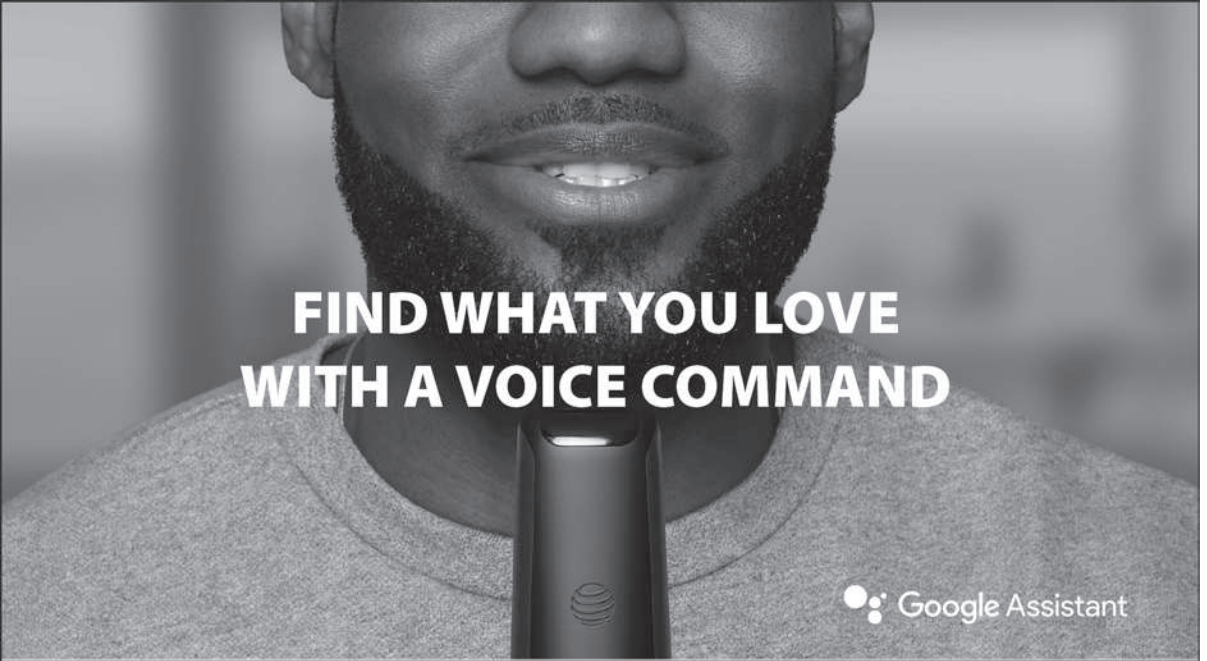
"We must balance the nature and quality of the intrusion on the individual's Fourth Amendment

interests ... against countervailing governmental interests at stake... The test for reasonableness under the Fourth Amendment is not capable of precise definition or mechanical application."

Allowance must be made for the fact that "...police officers are often forced to make split-second judgments—in circumstances that are tense, uncertain and rapidly evolving—about the amount of force that is necessary in a particular situation."

Obviously, there may be more than one way to affect a seizure in a tense, uncertain and rapidly evolving event. And while one force option may be better than another, all that really matters under the objective test is whether the force used was reasonable. In short, what would a reasonable officer say? Did the force fall within the range of reasonableness, or was it excessive and unconstitutional?

All these are questions that must be answered before the use of force question can be considered in a manner fair to both the officer involved as well as the suspect.



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# First Methodist Church of Del Norte: Historical Women's Suffrage Site

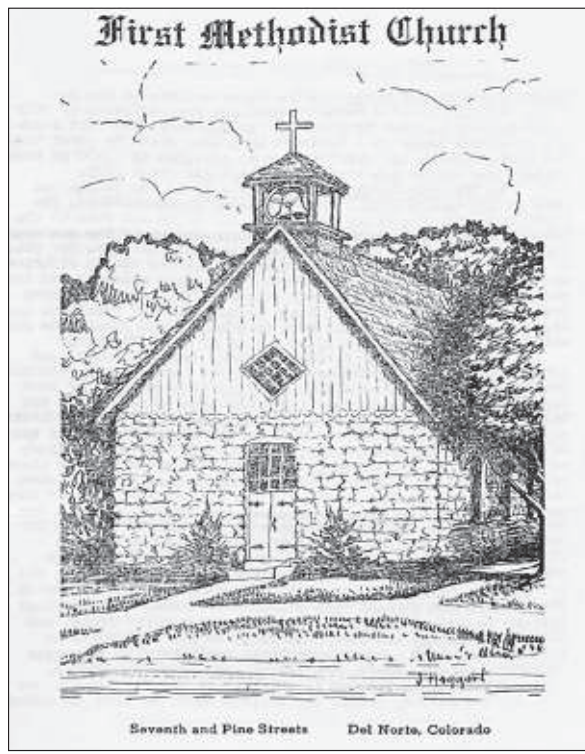
Women's Equality Day, celebrated Wednesday, Aug. 26, commemorates the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passage of the U.S. Constitution's 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment, granting women the right to vote. In honor of this momentous occasion, the Colorado Historical Foundation has been curating research identifying historical sites across Colorado where suffragists laid the groundwork in Colorado's statewide movement toward equality.

National suffrage leader Susan B. Anthony toured the American West more than once to spread the word of women's suffrage. As part of Colorado's first campaign attempt to pass equal suffrage by referendum in 1877, a year after statehood, Anthony toured Colorado on a highly ambitious itinerary in tangent with national and local suffragists. On one of her stops, she spoke within the walls of the First Methodist Church of Del Norte located at 520 7<sup>th</sup> Street "in moonlight" before its roof was even completed.

Colorado played an important role in the over seventy-year struggle to secure enfranchisement for women in the United States. In 1893, it became the first state providing women the right to vote by a popular referendum, the result of over 20 years of Colorado women advocating for themselves with the help of national leaders. Once Colorado's women obtained the vote, the state was held up as an example for the rest of the nation, with many of the state's women going on to aid the national effort.

"Seeing and experiencing the actual places where these important events happened can heighten a person's sense of empowerment through connection with their history," says Cathy Rosset, the Foundation's executive director, noting that a building's significance should not be celebrated only for its architectural merit, but for what transpired on its steps or within its walls. "Though progress is being made, unfortunately the practice of historic preservation is woefully behind on honoring sites where traditionally overlooked or marginalized people's stories took place – including those of women."

The Foundation is building a database of known sites statewide which remain intact from the times in which key suffrage events took place. The data will be used to identify needs for further research, nominating sites for state or national historic designation, as well as expanding existing historical designation records to include the women's suffrage elements. The Foundation hopes the research will also spark more accessible ways for increasing the public's knowledge and identification with women's history throughout Colorado. For example, the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment, though a huge step forward for women, did not mean equal voting rights for all. Notably, Black women still faced barriers to voting after passage due to discriminatory practices including poll taxes and literary tests until the passage of the Civil Rights Act in 1965. In addition, American Indian



women did not receive voting rights until 1924, and Asian-American women were not fully enfranchised until 1952.

Other Colorado suffrage sites include churches, public buildings, parks and homes of prominent suffragists, where forums, key speeches and mobilizing meetings took place. Churches and opera houses played host to suffrage leader Carrie Chapman Catt, on her 1893 campaign through Colorado advocating for women's suffrage, including Salida's First Baptist Church and the Wheeler Opera House in Aspen. Black women organizing in support of suffrage congregated at Pueblo's Eighth Street Baptist Church during the 1893 campaign.

The Foundation's suffrage site project is one of a series aimed at broadening awareness of history associated with marginalized people. The Foundation is also cataloging Colorado sites advertised as welcoming to Black people traveling during the Jim Crow segregation era (1930s-1960s), and sites associated with the LGBTQ movement. All three projects are funded in part by the History Colorado State Historical Fund.

The Foundation is conducting its work on women's suffrage sites in partnership with several historians and organizations such as the Colorado Center for Women's History, the Colorado Springs Pioneer Museum, Women Suffrage Centennial Southern Colorado, and local historical societies.

## OBITUARIES

### Judith Marie Weyers Potter, 69

Judith Marie Weyers Potter was born Oct. 13, 1950 and died March 30, 2020. Judy was born to W June and Louis Peter Weyers in Alliance, Nebraska. She lived on a farm and later the Sturgeon Ranch near Hay Springs, Nebraska until May 1964. Her parents moved to Monte Vista, Colorado where she attended grade 9-12. She attended Colorado State University and received a degree in Sociology/Social Work. Judy married in 1972 and moved to Texas where her husband began a nine year Air Force career; during which time she lived in California and Washington. They then moved to Eagan, MN in 1978 and to Loveland, CO in 2001.

Her passions were her flower garden, ancestry research and traveling. Judy passed in Colorado Springs of pancreatic cancer and was preceded in death by her mother W. June Dillon and her youngest sister Laura Weyers. She is survived by her father Louis Weyers, her loving partner of the past five years David Graham, her brother Dwayne Weyers (Linda), and sister Diane Worker (Mark), her son Randall G. Potter (Sommer and 3 step grandchildren Collin, Claire, Kloe), her daughter Julianna Potter Renaud (Jeffery and her granddaughter Alexandria}. A celebration of life will be held Aug. 29, 2020 at 11 a.m. at the chapel at the Monte Vista Cemetery.



Memorial donations can be made to Pikes Peak Academy 828 E. Pikes Peak Ave. Colorado Springs, CO 80903 where Judy tutored.

### Robert Arthur Griego, 72

Robert Arthur Griego passed away on April 3, 2020, in Bramburg, Germany. Arthur, as we called him, was born to Aureliano and Lupita (Lovato) Griego on Aug. 6, 1947 in Vallecitos, New Mexico.

Arthur met his wife Irene and they were married for over 40 years. They resided in Germany and had two daughters.

Arthur retired from the Army as a Staff Sergeant. He worked in Germany until his illness.

Arthur is survived by his wife, Irene, daughter Joclyn of Bramburg, Germany, daughter Orion (Washington), son Robert (Juanita) of Iowa and Grandson Keiffer who resides with his wife and two kids in Iowa, Grandson Colton of Iowa, Son Paul (Kehle), Granddaughter Jasmine of Washington, daughter Elena and son Pablito from Ft. Lupton, Colorado, nephew Joe (Laura) of Monte Vista, niece Geraldine of El Rito, New Mexico and numerous



family members. A service was held for Arthur in Bramburg, Germany in April. Arthur will and is missed by those who knew him and loved him and those that he loved. May he rest in peace.

## HARVEST

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virus. The Colorado Department of Agriculture has recently put out some guidelines that the state has issued.

The increased demand for potatoes in March and April meant good news for potato growers in the Valley. "I think one of the things we've discovered is fresh potato sales are up from March until now. For a while they were up 30 percent. I think now they're still up 15 percent. What's really happened is that people are working from home and they've learned to cook from home again. Potatoes are a staple for people that have time to cook at home so we've been really fortunate that way. We hope people continue to realize how nutritious potatoes are for them," said Ehrlich.

The higher demand has been good for the potato farmers in the Valley as we are primarily a fresh market producer. Ninety-seven (97) percent of the potatoes grown in the Valley go to retail, or institutions such as schools or hospitals. Processed potato growers

have not fared as well and the shutdown of the food service industry definitely hurt their markets.

When asked how the school shutdowns impacted Valley farmers Ehrlich answered saying, "It remains to be seen what will happen with schools reopening. But it would have had more of an impact. What happened was the USDA developed some programs to buy fresh potatoes and other fresh fruits and vegetables to help the Ag industry and also to get food to people who need it." Ehrlich shared how it was designed to help kids who may not be getting proper nutrition at home and depend on school for regular meals.

As farmers get ready to head into harvest Ehrlich shared that it is hopeful. "I think potato farmers have had good prices and demand. People are eating at home. All these signs are good for us. Our crops should be better than last year for sure. It would really surprise me if it wasn't. Prices are strong. I think we're set for a pretty good year," said Ehrlich.

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

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

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

The Board of County Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing at the Saguache County Commissioners meeting Room located at 501 - 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Saguache, Colorado, on the following date:

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to consider proposed changes to the Saguache County Land Development Code changes. To view the proposed changes BEGINNING MONDAY, JULY 27, 2020, you may contact the Saguache County Land Use Department - PO Box 326, Saguache, CO 81149 or atorrez@saguachecounty-co.gov, or by calling 719-655-2321 or you may also view the changes on our website at www.saguachecounty.net.

Written comments will be accepted until Friday, AUGUST 28, 2020 at 3pm, and may be sent to Saguache County Land Use Department at PO Box 326, Saguache, CO 81149 or email to atorrez@saguachecounty-co.gov.

By: Jason Anderson, Chairman  
Chairman, Saguache County Board of Commissioners

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### Saguache County Board of Commissioners Seeks Saguache County Planning Commission Members

Saguache County Board of Commissioners are seeking a member and an alternate from: Crestone/Baca area member and alternate

The representative must be a property owner or property manager and reside in the Crestone/Baca area. Regular member terms are for three years and the alternate terms are for a one-year term.

Saguache County Planning Commission meets on the last Thursday of each month in the Road and Bridge meeting room. The Planning Commission may also have work sessions through out each month to work on the Saguache County Master Plan and different items.

If you are interested please send a brief letter of interest stating qualifications and interest to: Saguache County Land Use, PO Box 326, Saguache, CO 81149 prior to Friday, August 28, 2020 or open until filled. Should you have any questions please call Amber Wilson at 719-655-2321.

No. 1558 published in the Center Post Dispatch, Thursday, August 6, 13, 20 and 27, 2020.

### INVITATION TO BID SAGUACHE COMMUNITY BUILDING EXTERIOR RESTORATION AND REHABILITATION

The Town of Saguache will receive sealed bids for repairs to the entryway of the Saguache Community Building, located at 725 Seventh Street, Saguache CO. The project includes roof structure stabilization and door hardware replacement.

A pre-bid walk-through, mandatory for general contract Bidders, will be held on Monday, August 24, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. at the project site. The bid opening will be held at 4 p.m. on Thursday September 3, 2020 at the Saguache Town Hall, located at 504 San Juan Avenue. At this time and place, all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Contract documents are available electronically from the architect, Zink and Associates, Inc., belindazink@icloud.com, (719-850-6750).

The Town of Saguache reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids and may defer its decision for a period not to exceed 14 days from the date of the Bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the Bids and investigating the qualifications of the bidders.

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## Guidance to help schools respond to COVID-19 cases and outbreaks

**COLORADO** - The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) released updated guidance for detecting, reporting, and responding to cases and outbreaks of COVID-19 in schools and child care settings.

Over the past week, the department undertook substantial stakeholder engagement activities to gather input on how to make the guidance as helpful as possible for the start of the school year. Stakeholders that provided input included school districts, school nurses, teachers union representatives, local public health agencies, **Please see SCHOOL on Page 3**

### COVID-19 GUIDANCE

## Can I go to school today?

### At-home symptom screening for parents and staff

Parents and guardians can use these symptom checklists to determine when to keep their child at home based on the level of COVID-19 transmission in their community (e.g. Is the community in Protect Your Neighbor or Safer at Home or Stay at Home). School staff can also use this tool to determine if they need to stay at home. Any student or staff diagnosed with COVID-19 or who is a close contact of a COVID-19 case should not go to school and should isolate or quarantine according to public health recommendations.

These lists refer only to new symptoms or a change in usual symptoms. A student/ staff should not be kept home for usual symptoms they experience due to a chronic condition unless they are worse than usual. These guidelines are in addition to your regular school guidance (for example, a child with vomiting should also not attend school based on usual school guidance).

**If your child is/ you are experiencing any potentially life-threatening symptoms please call 911.**

#### Low Community Transmission (Protect Your Neighbors):

If any of the following symptoms are present, keep the child at home/ stay at home, inform the school of symptoms, and reach out to a health care provider about COVID-19 testing and next steps for treatment.

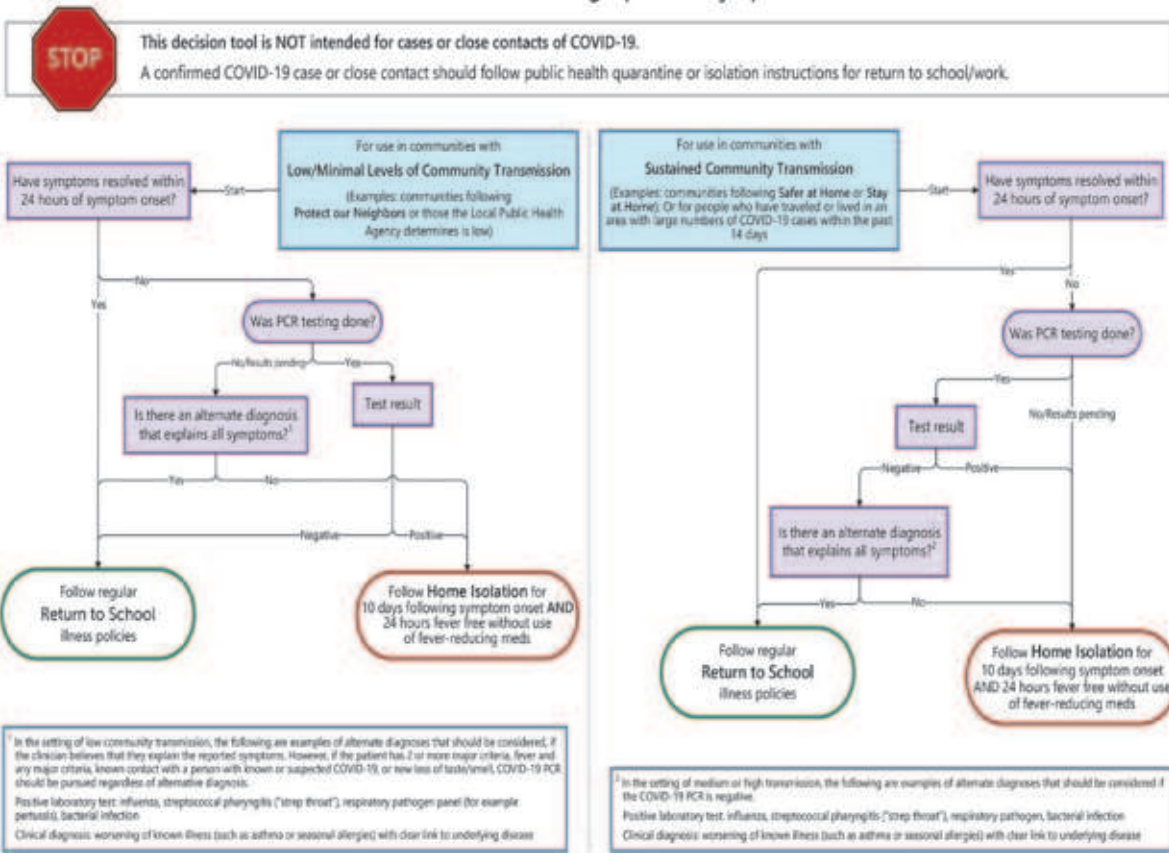
- Feeling feverish, having chills, or temperature 100.4°F or higher.
- New or unexplained persistent cough.
- Shortness of breath.
- Difficulty breathing.
- Loss of taste or smell.

#### Sustained Community Transmission (Safer at Home or Stay at Home):

If any of the following symptoms are present, keep the child at home/ stay at home, inform the school of symptoms, and reach out to a health care provider about COVID-19 testing and next steps for treatment.

- Feeling feverish, having chills, or temperature 100.4°F or higher.
- New or unexplained persistent cough.
- Shortness of breath.
- Difficulty breathing.
- Loss of taste or smell.
- Fatigue.
- Muscle aches.
- Headache.
- Sore throat.
- Nausea or vomiting.
- Diarrhea.
- Runny nose or congestion.

### Return to School/Work Guidance: following a positive symptom screen for COVID-19

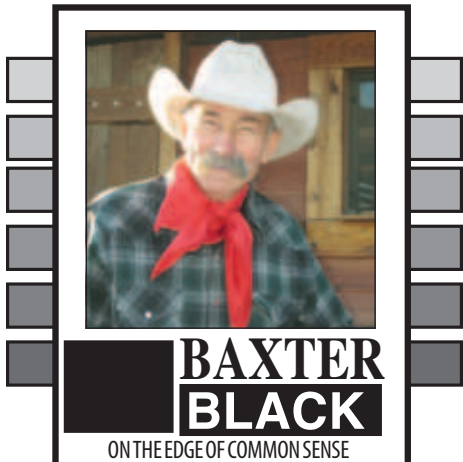


## Mobile Cow Catcher

There is a common belief among many urban folks that a cowboy rides around all day and sings to cows. John Wayne and Tom Mix added "Drifting Ranch Saver" to their résumé. "Don't worry, Nell, Black Bart will never get your ranch as long as Silver and I remain compassionate!" Marlboro turned him into a person who chases horses all over the place and relaxes around the chuckwagon in a yellow slicker. We cowboy poets have augmented the picture of the cowboy as a Shakespearian throwback with green stuff wedged between his heel and sole.

And though these portrayals are not all that bad, they miss the point. My favorite description that defines a cowboy is someone who can replace a uterine prolapse in a 1000 lb cow on the open range armed with nothin' but a rope and a horse.

The combination of skills required to accomplish that feat speaks volumes about a real all-around cowboy.



Of course, the kind of cowboyin' required depends on the job. Gatherin' wild cattle in Arizona is as different from checkin' feedlot pens in Nebraska as drivin' a Nascar entry is from operating a backhoe. But if a cowboy can rope and ride and knows cattle, they could

soon learn each other's job.

By the end of the Rancher - Sodbuster Wars, the cowboy often found himself in the employ of farmers. As soon as diesel replaced alfalfa as fuel, farmers eliminated horses from their livestock operations. Squeeze chutes, calf tables, pens, aluminum gates, 4-wheelers and semi's took the place of the cowboy, his rope and his horse.

And the farmer cowman conversion is still occurring. A rancher in Saskatchewan invented "The Mobile Cow Catcher". It is an amazing piece of winter shop time genius. The Mobile Cow Catcher attaches to the side of a pickup. It looks like a prop from the movie Waterworld. If you didn't see that, it might be best described as a 'swing set, orthopedic hospital bed and supermarket automatic door-opener' combination.

You run the cow down with yer pickup, capture it like pickin' up a winrow, then leap

out and attend to her problem.

The rancher, Mr. Halyung of Robsart, Saskatchewan, figured his invention would save a lot of cow wrecks, especially for those cow people who aren't too handy with a rope and a horse.

And he may be right. Someday we may see Batman in a movie sayin', "Don't worry, Nell, I'll catch yer cow and replace that prolapse. Robin, fire up the Mobile Cow Catcher... We've got to remain compassionate!"

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





## Rio Grande National Forest awarded Colorado the beautiful grant

By LYNDSIE FERRELL

**RIO GRANDE NAITONAL FOREST-** The Upper Rio Grande Economic Development group met for their regular meeting on Aug. 11 to welcome Rio Grande National Forest Divide District Ranger Martha Williamson who gave a brief presentation on a Colorado the Beautiful grant that was awarded in June. The grant was awarded in the amount of \$68,900 and will be used to facilitate a strategic plan to increase recreational use of the Rio Grande Forest.

“The Divide Ranger District for the Rio Grande National Forest is just shy of 1 million acres and covers the portion of the Rio Grande defined by the boundaries of Carnero Creek going west over Mesa Mountain following the Continental Divide to Spring Creek Pass, around to Stoney Pass and down to the headwaters of the Rio Grande to Wolf Creek and to Elwood, down to the Valley floor just above Monte Vista,” explained Williamson.

Williamson began her presentation stating that Rio Grande Divide Ranger District is a unique location because of the diversity of terrain. “The combination of desert floor to 13,000-foot peaks with everything in between creates a pretty unique set of landscapes to manage and have access to.”

The Forest is also uniquely distanced from the recreational push that some of the other locations around the state see in National Forests in areas like the Front Range. “What has really struck me here, is that we have the golden opportunity to learn some lessons from what is happening in other National Forests where they are in a position of needing to be reactive to increases in recreational use.”

Williamson continued to point out that some of the more populated and popular locations in the Front Range deal with a variety of recreational usage increases with minimal management capabilities and that her district can now use their experiences as a platform to move forward with a plan to increase recreational use of the Divide Ranger District while remaining good stewards of the Forest.

“Again, we have the golden opportunity here to put ourselves on the path to being able to welcome additional recreational use in the Forest and also foster better relationships by different user groups by virtue of being able to see that we are going to need to accommodate more people here because it’s beautiful here, because there’s room and because the communities around the Forest need the influx of people to the communities.”

“This Colorado the Beautiful grant is the last of the funding cycle

through Colorado Great Outdoors funding for this year and I applied for this grant to chart a course for welcoming this increase of recreational use of the Divide Ranger District specifically while navigating around foreseeable resource and social impacts.”

Williamson explained that by social impacts, the Forest will look at areas that can handle increased recreational use while continuing to protect areas that may not be able to handle the increase and plans will include improvements to infrastructure to facilitate the increase in use. “With a little bit of time and effort and foresight we can really lead being the Divide Range District that channels additional use, additional people coming to recreate and enjoy public lands toward the places that can handle it like developed recreation site like hardened campgrounds and picnic areas or trailheads or trails. We can create some really lovely places for people to go which attracts them away from the areas that can’t actually handle the increase in recreation.”

The plan will include strategies that create ready to deploy plans to manage use that exceeds capacity in the Forest’s multiple use landscape. Williamson explained that she is looking at a seven-point plan to bring people together to enjoy the diverse landscape offered by the Forest. “Hearing the need and the desire for economic growth and economic development in the San Luis Valley... we really need to work together to ensure that the Forest is ready to accommodate this usage.”

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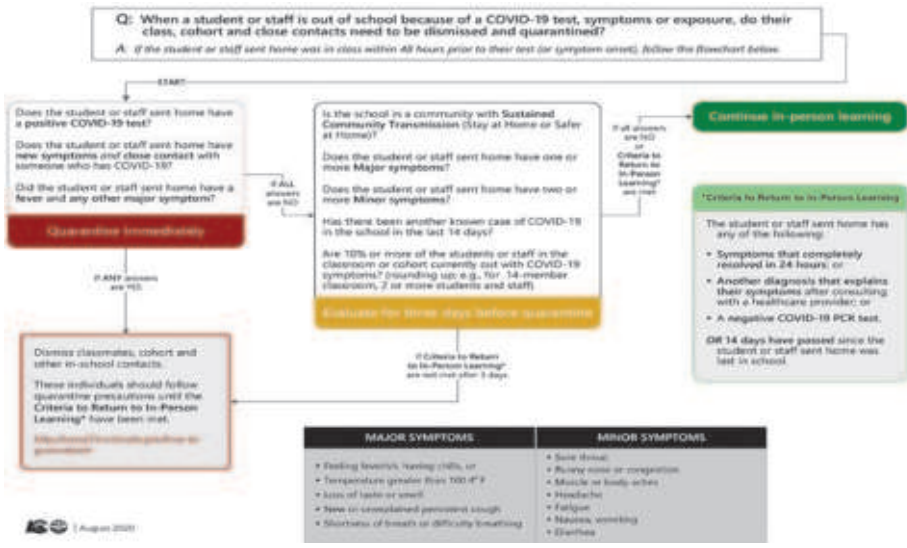


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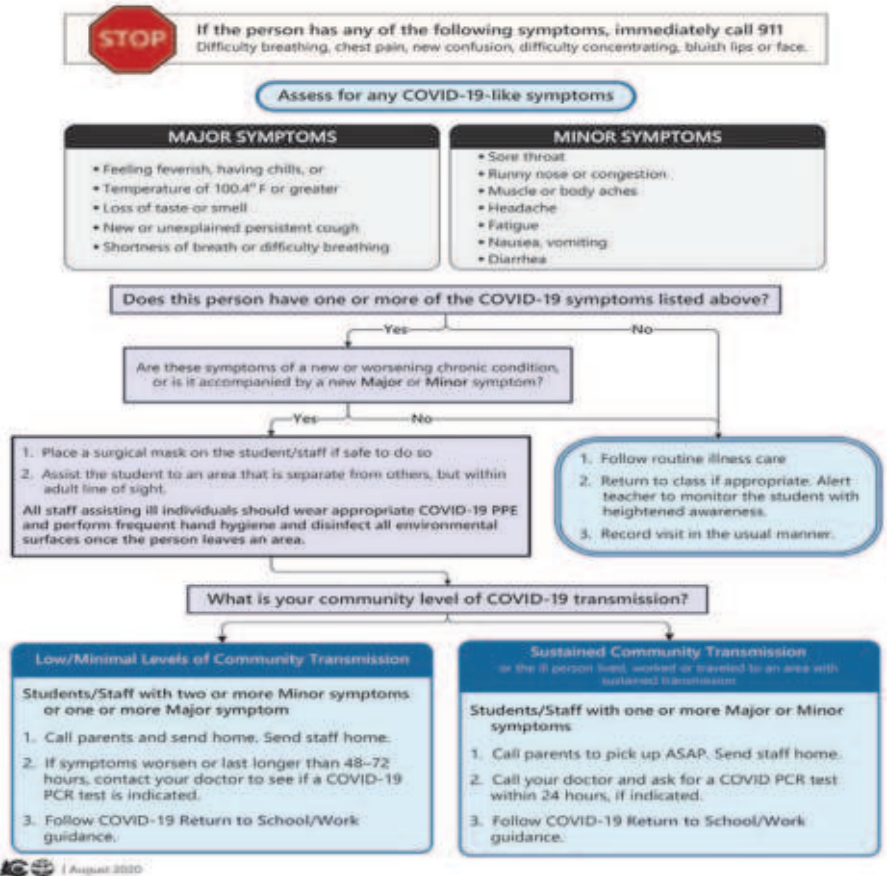
and counties. More than 70 representatives were involved in this process.

The new guidance includes information for child care and pre-K settings. It also includes tools that can help parents, students, teachers, staff, and schools determine who needs to stay

This case and outbreak guidance, in addition to the school opening guidance, CDE's toolkit for the 2020-21 school year, and guidance from local public health agencies will provide districts with the information they need to start the school year in a way that makes sense for their local communities. CDPHE will update guidance as additional data and information becomes available. Continue to stay up to date by visiting [covid19.colorado.gov](http://covid19.colorado.gov).



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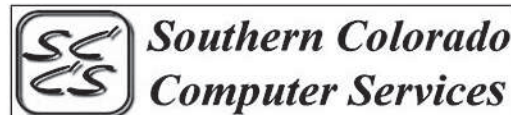
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# BACK TO SCHOOL

## Adams State will welcome back students Aug. 24

**Fall Calendar Dates**  
 Fall Semester First Day Classes – Aug. 24  
 Labor Day – Classes in session  
 Last Day Regular Undergraduate Classes – Nov. 24  
 Thanksgiving Break – Nov. 25 through Nov. 29  
 Final Exams – Nov. 30 through Dec. 3 for undergraduates via Blackboard only  
 \*Online graduate courses will follow the standard semester dates, starting August 24 and ending final exams on December 18.

Adams State University will welcome students back to campus for the 2020-21 fall semester the week of Aug. 24, and will hold class on Labor Day and forgo a fall break to finish regular classes for undergraduates on Tuesday, Nov. 24, just ahead of Thanksgiving, the University announced.

The Safe to Return to Campus plan — developed for students, faculty and staff — will include daily symptom monitoring for COVID-19, quarantine and isolation protocols, social distancing and mask requirements, and enhanced cleaning of all campus spaces.

As part of its planning, the University has identified housing to be used to isolate any residential students who may need to be quarantined. In coordination with local health care providers and the Alamosa County Public Health

Department, the quarantine/isolation protocols will continue throughout the semester. The University is developing signage and other communications tools to remind the campus community of health expectations and best practices.

The decision to finish undergraduate classes the week of Thanksgiving is part of a series of recommendations from Adams State's Safe to Return Task Force, which has been developing plans to prepare for the safe return of students and to resume on-campus courses.

Following the last day of regular classes for undergraduates on Nov. 24, students will break for Thanksgiving, and then take final exams remotely via Adams State's Blackboard online platform from Nov. 30 through Dec. 3.

Online graduate courses will follow the standard semester dates, starting August 24 and ending final exams on December 18.

"We look forward to welcoming our students back to campus in August," said Adams State President Cheryl D. Lovell. "Preparing for their return has been complex and challenging as we establish procedures to ensure the health and safety of the campus as well as the community of Alamosa and the San Luis Valley.

"We recognize our students travel from across Colorado and neighboring states, and in some cases interna-

tionally, to attend Adams State. We take seriously the responsibility we have to the greater community to protect as best we can from the spread of COVID-19 and we believe we are putting in place the proper procedures to successfully welcome back students to campus."

Adams State University's policies and protocols for responding to the COVID-19 pandemic are rooted in safety for its staff, faculty and students, and the greater community. The primary goals for Adams State's response to the COVID-19 pandemic are to protect the health and well-being of its students and staff and continue the institution's vital mission of education.

The University's plans will be aligned and consistent with local orders and ordinances of the Alamosa County Public Health Department, as well as the state of Colorado's Phased Reopening Model. Adams State's plans also will follow recommendations from the federal government (Opening Guidelines) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

In the coming weeks, Adams State will send out additional information and guidance to students and families on how to prepare for the fall semester, what students can expect to see in residential housing and meal plans, and details on co-curricular student activities and new student orientation.

## TSJC plans face-to-face reopening Aug. 17

BY GREG BOYCE

After months of planning, Trinidad State has announced a plan to reopen its Trinidad and Alamosa Campuses with face-to-face instruction for the fall semester.

"Face-to-face instruction provides the best learning opportunities for our students," said Trinidad State President Dr. Rhonda M. Epper. "We believe we can balance student and staff health needs with a great learning experience if we are diligent in our efforts. Our plan makes many changes to our normal operations, though if necessary, we will adjust as the health environment dictates."

Both the Trinidad and Valley campuses will be open for face-to-face instruction as scheduled on Aug. 17. In addition, we will continue to offer our students the opportunity to attend classes in hybrid and online formats for those who prefer those methods due to the current health climate.

Students, faculty and staff will be asked to self-monitor and report any COVID-19 symptoms. This will be facilitated through a symptom self-report entered via a web form. Athletes will be monitored daily by coaching and athletics staff.

Symptom checklists and instructions on the proper course of action when indicators are present will be available to students and employees. A training video will be posted.

Thermometers will be made available to members of our campus community to test for the presence of fever and to monitor personal temperatures.

Student seating in classrooms will follow a plan that adheres to six-foot social distancing and seating limited to 50 percent of the room's occupancy limit.

Students will be required to wear face coverings when attending classes and in public spaces, and will be notified that failure to comply with social distancing and/or face covering requirements will

result in a conduct violation.

Faculty will wear either a clear face shield or mask when teaching unless there is a distance of 25 feet or greater.

Sharing of equipment and other resources will be limited wherever possible.

Group gatherings outside of class, social or otherwise, will be restricted unless preapproved.

Heightened cleaning and disinfecting of our facilities will be implemented. (Seats, handrails, doors, doorknobs, and door handles in each room sanitized before and after each class. Restrooms will be cleaned and disinfected every two hours.)

Hand sanitizer will be placed at the entry of all buildings.

Sanitization supplies for cleaning will be available in classrooms for students and faculty to use as needed.

Student and staff interaction in common spaces (e.g., hallways) will be limited as much as possible.

Ventilation of classroom and office spaces will follow OSHA guidance.

Signs will be placed at the entry point of all buildings to remind students and employees of the mask, self-symptom check and social distancing requirements, as well as a reminder not to enter the building if exhibiting any symptoms of illness.

All face-to-face and hybrid classes will move to online instruction following Thanksgiving Break. Students will attend classes following a regular schedule through Wednesday, Nov. 25 with the remainder of the semester being delivered virtually for most classes. Certain Career and Technical (hands-on) classes may require students to return to campus after the break, but every effort will be made to minimize this necessity.



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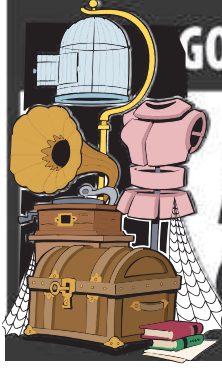
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