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## First COVID-19 death in Saguache County

**SAGUACHE** - The Saguache County Public Health Department has been notified of their first COVID-19-related fatality. The individual was a confirmed case for Saguache County and passed away while in the hospital.

The Saguache County Public Health Department urges all members of the public to continue to follow the current Safer-at-home order. When in public for essential business (getting groceries, medications or takeout) make sure to stay 6 feet away from other individuals at all times and cover your mouth and nose with a fabric covering. When you return home, remove the fabric covering by the area around your ears and immediately wash, using the same method you use to wash clothing. Remember, if you are sick with COVID symptoms (fever, cough, shortness of breath) do not leave home. Self-isolate and call a nurse line at: SLV Health 719-589-2511 Option #9, Rio Grande Hospital at 719-657-4990, or Valleywide Health Systems at 719-589-3658 Option #9.

For the most recent information on COVID-19 numbers in the San Luis Valley, please see [www.slvemergency.org/slv-covid-19](http://www.slvemergency.org/slv-covid-19).

## May 23 VFA meeting canceled

**MONTE VISTA** — Rio Grande County is still waiting on their variance to go through with the state as far as what residents can do and cannot do given the COVID-19 virus. The VFA meeting for May 23 is canceled but hopefully the variance will go through potentially sometime this coming week and if not then by early the following week.

Please provide input for the potential meeting May 30 for the fifth Saturday of the month — if the variance goes through. For those who regularly attend VFA and who might consider attending on May 30, PLEASE reply back and communicate your thoughts and feelings about the following:

- Social distancing if still required
- Masks if required
- Bringing and sharing snacks like usual
- More than nine people attending (if allowed)

Any other comments would be great, in case something has been forgotten. Those who would NOT come no matter what this early in the game, feel free to say so. All of this will help plan for the May 30 meeting if the variance comes through.

Contact information for Wanda: Homephone 719-852-5000; Cell 719-580-4976; email [wcouzenssmith@gmail.com](mailto:wcouzenssmith@gmail.com)

## 37 COVID-19 cases in Saguache County, 1 fatality

### Saguache Public Health Director resigns

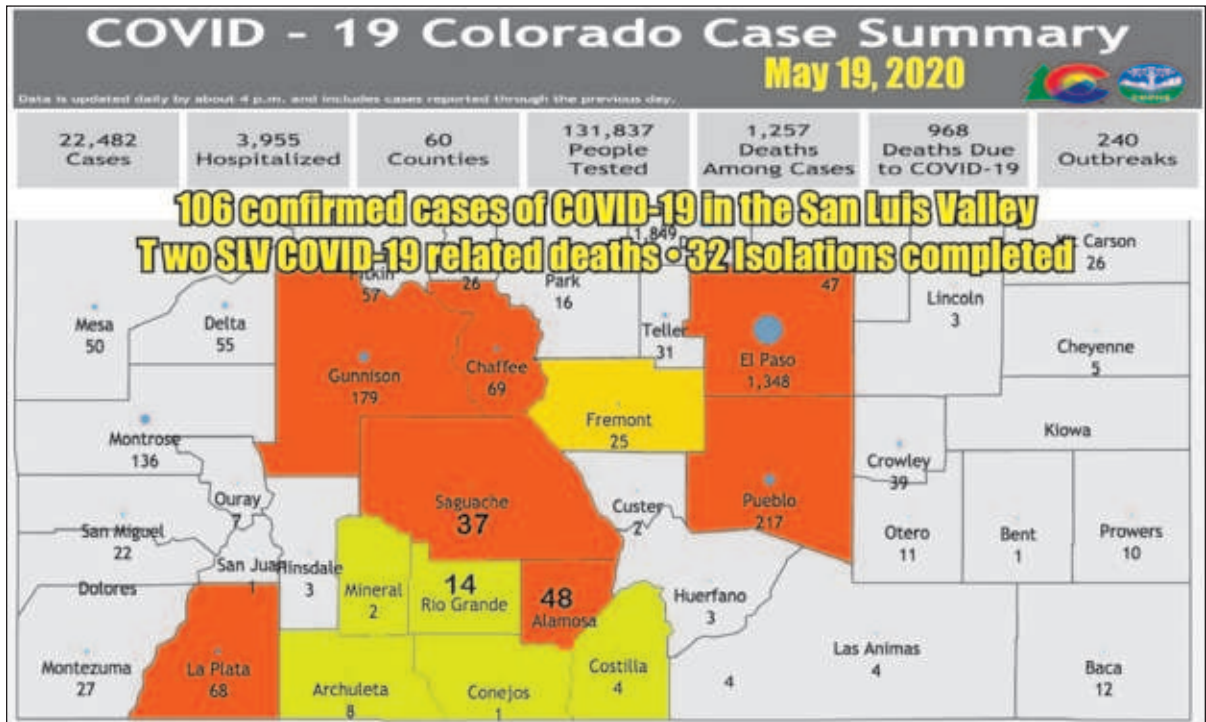
BY TERESA L. BENNS

**SAN LUIS VALLEY** — So far three deaths from the COVID-19 virus have been reported in the Valley two of these in Alamosa County. A third death was reported from Center Monday. The Saguache County Public Health Department announced their first COVID-19-related fatality. The individual was a confirmed case for Saguache County and passed away while in the hospital.

According to Saguache County Human Resources Director April Quintana, Saguache County Public Health Director Lynette Grant resigned earlier this week to accept another position. The County will advertise for a replacement for Grant soon, she said.

The San Luis Valley Emergency Operations site reported Wednesday morning that there are now 106 positive cases in the SLV including results returned from the outbreak in Center. “Sixteen of those cases were hospitalized and 32 have completed isolation. County case counts and other San Luis Valley data are updated weekdays at [slvemergency.org/slv-covid-19](http://slvemergency.org/slv-covid-19).

“Public health agencies in Rio Grande County and Saguache County continue to follow up on the outbreak



**Tuesday, May 19, SLV Public Health Partnership announced that COVID-19 cases doubled overnight in Saguache and Rio Grande counties and 30 new cases were reported in the San Luis Valley increasing the number of cases to 106. Saguache County jumped from 18 to 37 cases and Rio Grande County went from 8 to 14.**

at the Mountain King Spud Growers potato warehouse facility in Center. An outbreak is defined as two or more positive COVID cases in a workplace or other non-household facility or group. Valley Wide Health Systems collaborated to support employee testing.

According to unconfirmed reports, two other Center potato warehouses could be affected after an employee at one warehouse tested positive.

“So far 25 positive test results have been received related to this outbreak. Those results will affect overall COVID-19 case counts in Saguache, Rio Grande and Alamosa counties. Mountain King has decided to voluntarily close the facility for an additional 14 days for cleaning, as well as to encourage needed isolation and quarantine to prevent further spread of the virus.

“Employees who have tested

positive should be isolating themselves from others. Household members and other close contacts of those who have tested positive should also self-quarantine at home. Those in isolation and those in quarantine should not leave home for any reason except to seek medical care as directed by their medical provider.”

**Change in reporting COVID deaths**  
The CDPHE/COVID website  
Please see COVID on Page 6A

## Saguache County requests variance to reopen some businesses

**SAGUACHE COUNTY** — Last week Saguache County commissioners signed and submitted a petition to the state requesting a variance to the Safer at Home ordinance in order to help reopen certain types of businesses in the county on a limited basis.

The following is taken directly from the County’s variance request:

### Suppression plan and best practices for Saguache County residents:

This Plan implements measures to allow limited re-opening of certain industries and businesses in Saguache County while maintaining sustainable levels of social distancing. This Plan continues social distancing requirements for all residents and Stay-at-Home requirements for vulnerable populations pursuant to the governor’s Executive Order. This

plan is effective within the entirety of Saguache County, including all cities and towns within the County.

Each community within Saguache County will be assessed as requests are submitted for the opening of the types within the attachments — restaurants, places of worship, recreation, motels and Bed and Breakfasts/Airbnb’s.

### Maintain physical distancing (6 feet)

Adults 65 years and older and high-risk populations shall limit public interactions and stay at home as much as possible

- Use cloth face coverings for interactions where physical distancing is not possible or when entering public places
- Stay home and not go to work or out in the public if experiencing symptoms
- Wash hands frequently with soap

and water. If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol

- Clean and disinfect all non-porous, high-touch surfaces frequently
- All persons who traveled for more than 24 hours away from Saguache County are asked to isolate and quarantine themselves from all other persons, without exception, for a period of at least seven (7) days.

### Guidance and Requirements for Saguache County Businesses:

Businesses must perform frequent environmental cleaning and disinfection (concentrate on high-touch surfaces like tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, sinks, etc.)

### Restaurants, recreation facilities, places of worship, motels, bed and breakfasts, Airbnb’s will:

- Arrange spaces so that everyone can maintain at least six (6) feet distance from each other
- Make reasonable work accommodations for vulnerable populations who are still under the



## Epidemiologist answers COVID-19 questions

BY TERESA L. BENNS

**SAGUACHE COUNTY** — Former Saguache Public Health Director Ginger Stringer, now working with the state as an epidemiologist studying COVID-19, answered various questions last week regarding the COVID-19 crisis and its outcome.

Since receiving her response to this question, the county has seen an explosion of cases, appearing to come mainly from Center, pushing the number of actual cases 37. According to one unconfirmed report, these numbers could rise given the arrival of seasonal workers in the Center area who must reside in housing units where it is not always possible to observe social distancing or cleanliness guidelines.

The following questions and answers reflect some of the concerns of Valley residents regarding the ongoing pandemic.

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# OBITUARIES

## James M. Ford, 90

Longtime resident of the Center, Colorado farming community, James M. Ford, left this world from his home on the morning of Wednesday, May 13, 2020, after a courageous battle with COPD and pulmonary fibrosis. He was born July 29, 1929, in Hooper, Colorado to Herbert W. Ford and Evelyn Marie Rogers Ford and grew up on the family farm in the Center area. After graduating from Center High School, Jim farmed on his own before enlisting in the United States Navy serving as a Navy Corpsman attached to the 1st Marine Division in Korea. While on furlough in between training schools, he came back to the Valley to marry his fiancée, Nellie Susanna Beiriger April 30, 1952. After the wedding, they went to South Carolina and then San Diego. From San Diego, he was deployed to Korea where he served combat duty.

After serving in the military, he attended Adams State College obtaining an MA in education utilizing his GI Bill as well as working several jobs. His first teaching position was in Cope, Colorado where he also coached 6-man football, which was a learning experience for someone who played 11-man football. He went on to teach in La Veta, Colorado which brought them closer to their families. After teaching for seven more years and several summer odd jobs later, Jim moved the family back to the Center area where he was able to resume his first love, farming.

While raising four daughters, Judi, Jean, Joanne and Jolene and one son, James, the five J's (totally his idea), Jim and Nellie still found time to enjoy belonging to several local clubs, bowling leagues and the Sans-Souci Dance Club. They also belonged to the High Country

4-Wheelers Club enjoying the Colorado backcountry mountain passes driving the original Ford Bronco loaded up with kids, coolers and fuel eliciting smiles and laughter from other club members at the pit stops when everyone exited the vehicle. Jim and family also spent many summer weekends camping and fishing, eventually owning a trailer at Santa Maria which meant no more sleeping in an Army surplus tent that would leak in rainstorms causing the family to be all crammed into the family station wagon for the remainder of the night. After son-in-law, Danny, joined the family farm, Jim and Nellie were able to take a couple of extensive summer and fall trips to Europe, Scandinavia and Russia which provided many treasured memories for Jim which he most recently shared with his Visiting Angels.

After the kids were grown, Jim and Nellie loved spending their winters in Yuma, Arizona where they became friends with other retired farmers. Summer week-ends were often spent in the gambling towns of Colorado and New Mexico, and even after Nellie passed away, Jim would go gambling by himself or with his son, James. Jim also enjoyed spending time with friends and family known as the "Lunch Bunch." Since he did not like to cook, his photo is on Calvillos Hall of Fame and at KFC they know his name.

Jim is survived by his daughter Judi Neufeld, son-in-law Danny, son James, daughter Joanne, grandson Brian Neufeld (Nicole), his favorite (and only) granddaughter Kristina Neufeld and her partner Christopher Graf, and great granddaughters Landry and Kendall Neufeld.

Jim was preceded in death by his wife, Nellie, as well as daughters Jean



and Jolene.

Having lived 90 years Jim had many stories, homilies, and memories that he loved sharing with any and all who were willing to sit down and spend a few moments with him. He was also a very generous and giving man often helping family, friends and neighbors. One of his favorite organizations that he always donated time and money to was the American Legion Center Post #131. For those wishing to honor Jim's memory donations may be made to the American Legion Center Post #131 in care of Tom Garcia, 564 Hurt St., Center, CO 81125. To express condolences, please visit [www.rogersfunerals.com](http://www.rogersfunerals.com)

Rogers Family Mortuary in Monte Vista is in care of the arrangements.

## Robert Dee Myers, 91

Robert Dee Myers of Del Norte, Colorado passed away March 14, 2020. Better known to the community as Bob, he was born Sept. 7, 1928, in Monte Vista, Colorado to Dee Archie Myers and Nell Eurica (Mellott). He spent most of his grade school years in Summitville and then graduated from Del Norte High School. In high school he met the love of his life, Norma Hanna. They married May 14, 1949, in Santa Fe, NM and were able to celebrate their 70th anniversary before Norma passed away. Bob had many talents that included: Mechanic at the car Dealership in Del Norte, Master Electrician, Farmer/Rancher, State Electrical Inspector, dude ranch wrangler at Sky Hi Dude Ranch near Creede, Colorado, plus helping to raise 5 children. He worked 2 jobs most of his life to help support this family. His favorite of these jobs was the cattle ranching where he rode horses and checked on cattle in the pastures and on the range. He always had a story for family and friends about his life either in Summitville, the dude ranch or on the home place. He and Norma were graceful dancers in their younger days and the kids enjoyed watching them when they had a chance. He was an avid reader until his eyesight failed enough that he was unable to continue that hobby. He was president of the San Luis Valley Cattlemen's Association and was awarded the honor of Outstanding Cowboy of the Year in 1993. He also was



a member of the Knights of Pythias, Del Norte Chapter.

Robert (Bob) is survived by his children: Myrna Patterson, of Albuquerque NM, Sharon Furukawa (Dave) of Alamosa, Myron (Jennifer), Ric (Diane) and Dale (Janice) of Monte Vista. Grandchildren include Jennifer Patterson, Alicia (Bryan) Vigil, Rebecca (Nicolas) Baca, Tiffany (Dan) Carson, Curt (Annie) Furukawa, Courtney Furukawa, J.D. (Audra) Myers, Denton (Jessie) Myers, Craig (Stephanie) Myers, Kelli (Michael) Jennings, Scott (Erin Rose) Myers, 21 great-grand-children, three great-great grandchildren.

Bob is preceded in death by his wife: Norma Myers, and his parents: Dee & Nell, his sister: Elizabeth McIntire and infant brother, Dale.

A celebration of life will be announced at a later date. Arrangements in care of Strohmayer's Funeral Home.

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## Anna Lee Davis Hathcock, 96 April 24, 1924 - May 14, 2020

Born to Loren Armand Davis and Mamie Blanche Dozier Davis on April 24, 1924, and was the second of their children. She had a sister, Mary Lorena Davis (Weller) nearly six years older. She was born at home, 11 miles south and 3 miles east of Monte Vista, Rio Grande County, Colorado.

She attended Bowen Community School 1st through 8th grade and then went to Rio Grande County High in Monte Vista where she graduated in 1941, Salutatorian of her class. She went to the County spelling bee and later was awarded a certificate in 8th grade for her elegant penmanship. In 1936 she entered a white cake she baked in the 4H fair and got to go to Pueblo for the state fair.

Anna Lee and her dad played for neighborhood dances in people's homes, she on the piano (she played by ear) and her dad on the fiddle. She also played the harmonica and guitar. She was an excellent seamstress and made many of her children's clothes. Painting and drawing were some of her talents too. She also enjoyed crocheting afghans and little animals. She enjoyed gardening, flowers, walking around Chapman Park and going to the Dairy Queen nearly every week for 25 years. She also enjoyed going to the mountains, but most of all she enjoyed being with her family. Anna Lee had a



lifelong desire to learn and a passion for the simple pleasures in life.

In August 1942 she and a friend went to Denver where she attended a business college and then found employment at Lowery Air Force Base. That's where she met her future husband Virgil Marion Hathcock. On her birthday, 1943, she met President Franklin Delano Roosevelt on the Base. May 16, 1943, she was married in Denver, Colorado. Later that year she was baptized a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. On June 3, 1947, she was sealed to her husband in the Idaho Falls Temple. She was a stay at home mom and was blessed with 7 children.

She has served many and varied callings in the Church, her favorite Please see **HATHCOCK** on Page 4A

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# VARIANCE

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Stay at Home advisement  
 • Monitor employees and volunteers for one of the following symptoms: Cough, shortness of breath/difficulty breathing or a least two of the following symptoms: Fever, chills, repeated shivering with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell. Symptomatic employees and volunteers must be excluded from the workplace

Employees and contracted workers whose duties include close contact with members of the public shall wear a nonmedical cloth face covering over the nose and mouth at all times when dealing with the public.

All other employees are encouraged to wear a nonmedical cloth face covering over the nose and mouth while working, except where doing so would compromise the individual's health. In some instances, cloth face masks are required for the public to enter a facility. All businesses have the option to require anyone entering their facility to wear a cloth face covering if they so choose.

**The following business shall remain closed:**

Bars, taverns, brewpubs, breweries, microbreweries, distillery pubs, wineries, wine tasting rooms (except for retail), cigar bars, special permit licensees, clubs, and other places offering alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption except restaurants. Restaurants are allowed to partially open as outlined in the attached guidelines.

Places of worship are allowed to increase the number of people in their facilities, if they so choose, as outlined in the attached documents.

**Group Gatherings**

- Group gatherings shall contain no more than ten (10) people.
- Participants shall maintain at least six (6) feet distance from each other.
- No festivals or other organized large gatherings will be allowed until at least July 1, at

which time the situation will be evaluated to determine when and if festivals and other types of large gatherings can resume.

- Large venues shall remain closed
- Private events that involve more than 10 (10) people shall not be allowed at this time

**Duration**

This Plan will be is effective upon approval of the Colorado Department of Public Health. This plan will be amended to include details for phase 2 and phase 3 when appropriate. This plan shall expire six (6) weeks from approval by the State, unless extended further.

Each of the Safer at Home phases assumes a two-week period. The decision to move into the next phase, stay at the current phase, or go back to Stay at Home will be made by Saguache County Public Health based on the rate of positive COVTD-19 cases and hospitalizations in Saguache County.

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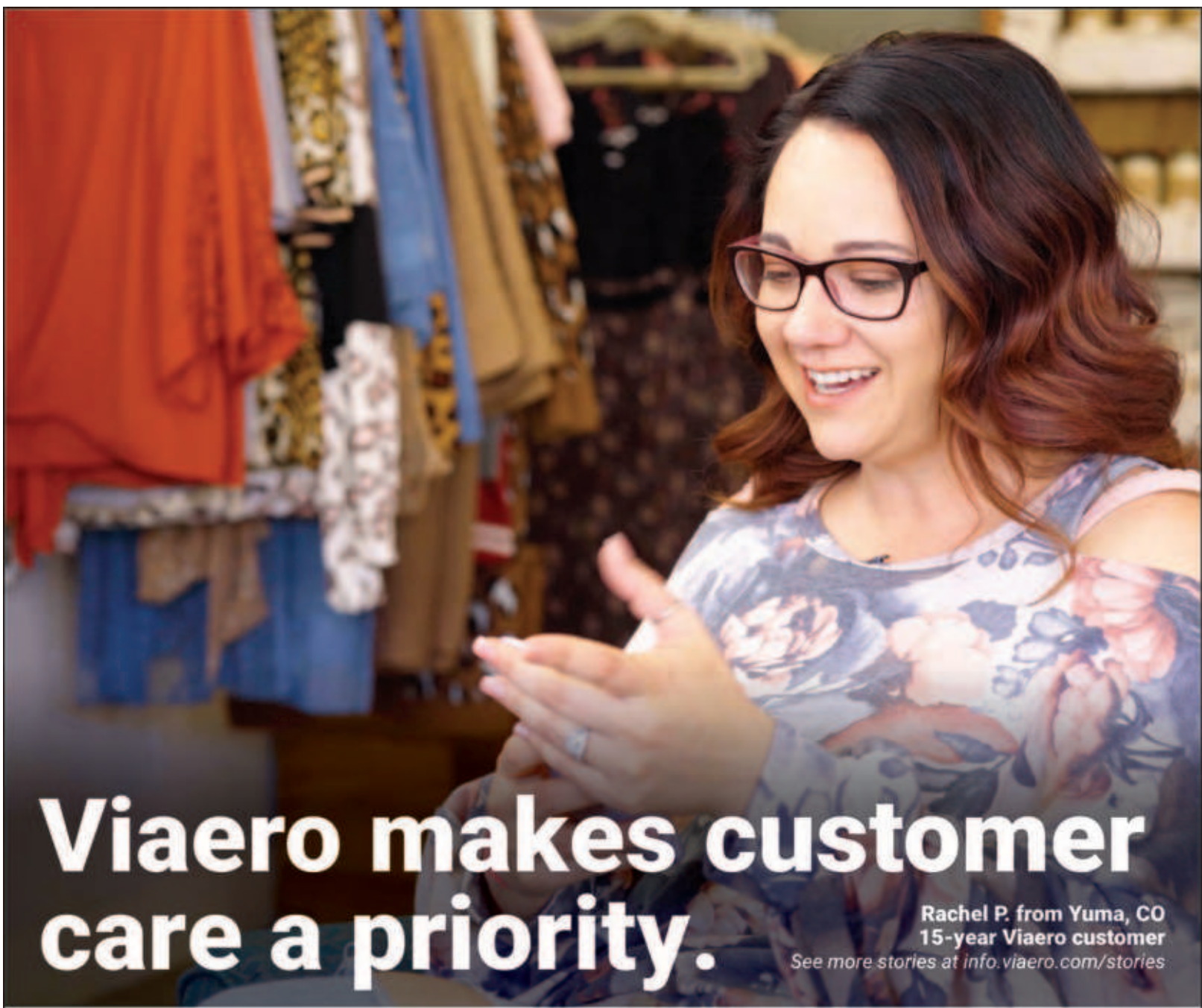
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# OPINION & EDITORIAL

## This is your life

The famed start of Star Wars' "a long time ago in a galaxy far, far away..." is a classic phrase of immense proportions in any storyline.

About that long ago in the 1940s, Ralph Edwards, host of *Truth or Consequences*, interviewed a despondent, wounded soldier about his life and his future opportunities. Now this was on the radio of course since television had not yet been invented.

A radio, for those of you too young to remember such primitive things, is that contraption in your car that can get an audio program from anywhere in the world. I know, primitive, right?

Back in the day, families would gather around the old tube-filled sets while mother darned socks, father smoked a pipe and little Jimmy played with a wooden fire engine on the floor. Norman Rockwell comes to mind.

My dad often tells me of those days and, as luck would have it, I am actually about to become the next owner of the very set my grandparents used in the 1930s to listen to Kats and Jammer and other famous radio shows.

So, Ralph Edwards interview with the soldier was so popular, a new series was born: *This is Your Life*. It featured famous people's lives and led them through all of their experiences while being filmed.

Ol' Dutch got to thinking -- a dangerous proposition according to Miss Trixie -- and we have really come to the point with social media that every person can share every aspect of their lives to an unsuspecting and uninterested world.

Gone are the days when Miss Pinky the pet rabbit could have a litter of babies in peace or Old Man Andrews got his gallbladder removed unbeknownst to the world. Because now the rabbit's owner and Mr. Andrews' daughter see fit to share such things with us all.

One has only to sign on to Facebook each day to see such doings from live childbirth to making a rhubarb pie. And as a matter of fact, both look about the same to Ol' Dutch.

It's not that we don't care about your mundane life but posting innocuous things online just seems so silly. Well unless you have gorgeous grandkids like me or you get a new bull in the pasture, also like me, which of course everyone wants to see.

This past week I was blessed to see that Connie the chicken laid an egg, Mrs. Grundfos canned some jelly, Joe went to the doctor with hemorrhoids, Wild Bill had his knee replaced with a low mileage one, cookies were baked



**Trout Republic**  
by Kevin Kirkpatrick

and fish were caught.

In addition to the mundane, we also see that celebrities, they are just like us, and hurting during this time. Like Prince Harry and Meghan who are struggling to pay their bills. And, boy, I do understand that although their \$30 million net worth and the millions of dollars a year they still get for nothing, surely takes the edge off a little.

Not to be excluded Mary-Kate Olsen soon to be divorced says she has no place to live and huge crocodile tears were shed in the media for her sad situation. I guess she may have to dip into that \$250 million she has in the bank and maybe find some slum dwellings to abide in?

Yes we get it all from the very plain and boring lives of us commoners to the very important lives of the "swells." To you uninformed, my grandfather talked about the swells a lot. Those are the folks who think they are better than everyone else either by the nature of finances or social importance and often are politicians and televangelists. Oh Lord, I didn't actually say that, did I?

So I guess if you feel the need to advertise about Billy getting all A's in P.E. or little Suzie adopting a cat from the Humane Society Shelter, go ahead. Those are events we can relate to since most of us are getting by on less than \$100 million in the bank.

All I ask is that you give us a break this week and not post about the Corona unless you are talking about the beer.

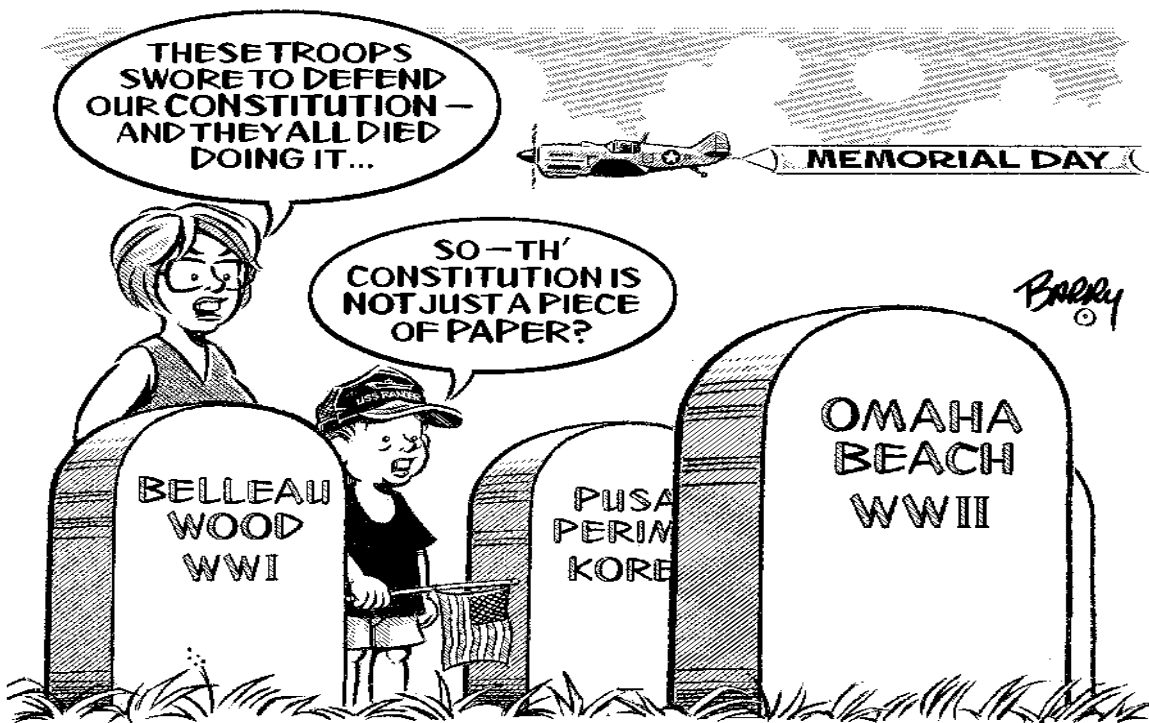
*Kevin Kirkpatrick and his Yorkie, Cooper, fish, hunt, ATV or hike daily. His email is Kevin@TroutRepublic.com. Additional news can be found at www.troutrepublic.com or on Twitter at TroutRepublic.*

Morgan as well as her sister.

Among some of the teachings to her family were to be honest, modest, pray, do things right the first time and tell the truth! She was a noble example of sacrifice in motherhood. She kept her grandkids many times. Her life indeed was a life of service. She will be truly missed by all her family and many, many friends.

A Graveside Service will be held at the Monte Vista Cemetery.

Arrangements are in care of Rogers Family Mortuary of Monte Vista. To leave online condolences please visit [www.RogersFunerals.com](http://www.RogersFunerals.com).



## YOUR NIGHT SKY

### Bootes the Bear

By DARLENE DANKO

Since the new moon is on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, this is a great time for sky viewing. Venus and Mercury meet on the 21<sup>st</sup>, and then Venus will drop down while Mercury rises a little higher. Because Venus is so bright, you may not be able to see Mercury without binoculars when they're so close. So go out and look 30-60 minutes after sunset. If you don't notice Mercury, try using binoculars to find it, and then look without them.

It's time to look for Comet SWAN which will be visible in our sky from May 20 into early June. You can go out around 10:30 in the evening, or in the morning an hour or more before sunrise. Also first use binoculars to find it, then try looking unaided to find it. The peak magnitude is expected to be May 21.

If you go out at night, it will be visible in the NNW 5-7 degrees high in the sky. In the early morning it will

be in the ENE at the same low height. You may see its long tail pointing away from the Sun. So try finding it with binoculars and then look with unaided vision. If you find 2 comets, the other one is what's left of Comet ATLAS.

In the evening when the sky is dark you can look high in the S or SE sky for Bootes the Bear or the Herdsmen with 8 stars. It'll be high overhead and is an ancient constellation that is most distinct this time of year. When looking from the south, the kite shape constellation looks like a wide triangle. From the SE it's laying on its side with Coma Berences above it as opposed to being next to it on the right side. It's also known as the Bear Driver since it can be found chasing after the Big Bear constellation Ursa Major.

You may remember that it contains Arcturus which is the brightest star in the Summer Triangle and is the 3<sup>rd</sup>



brightest star in our sky. It's also one of the oldest stars in our sky at only 36 LY away. This orange giant is nearing the end of its life. You can find it at the bottom of the body which is the bottom base of the kite. The other name is Alpha Bootes.

The other bright star is Epsilon Bootis or Izar. It's just to the upper left of Arcturus and is a beautiful double star. The main star is blue and the fainter one is orange. You will need a telescope to see the faint one. Tau Bootis is slightly to the lower right of Arcturus. It's a yellow star similar to our Sun and has a giant planet 3 times the size of Jupiter that orbits the Sun every 3.3 days. It's 5.1 LY from us, so it's relatively close. Have fun observing things in the night or early morning sky.

## LETTER

### A memorial for all who risk losing it all

To the editor,

I stepped out to feel the cool rain in my face  
How long has it been since His Word and His grace  
Saved me from hell in that hell of a place?  
No breath and no feeling. Am I dead or just dreaming?  
Am I sinking or sliding in this blood thickened mud?

Short breaths have returned. I hear shouting and thunder  
Then blindness and blackness. Then fear and I wonder  
Is this what it's like? Will I be laid under  
This hill that we gained in our fight to remain  
The savior of these who long to be free

But what of my brother whose life is as dear  
To all who love peace and freedom from fear  
Who risk all every day and often come near  
To losing it all for the sake of the call  
To protect and defend this land from within

You see him each day in the streets of your town  
To some an annoyance while just looking around

Not heeding the signs and not slowing down  
What's this trifle comparing to the unholy blaring  
Of mortars and cannon and innocents dying

To protect and to serve means keeping the peace  
And in lands far away that oppression might cease  
Whether enforcement at home or battle overseas  
The fruit of their call: to deliver to all  
Terror and tyranny stamped out by the free.

To all those who risk all to keep this land free  
On our streets; on our shores; or over the sea  
Where tyranny, oppression and terror may threaten  
To these brave men and women we always will be

Driven to honor your courage and stand  
For freedom and peace in this God-given land  
Active and veteran, here and passed on...  
WE STAND AND SALUTE  
For you are freedom's best song.

Gary Johnson  
Monte Vista

## HATHCOCK

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being a name extractor from old Spanish records on microfiche, a big help to those doing family history research.

Anna Lee is survived by her children, Larry (Margaret) Hathcock, Columbia, LA; Karol (Roy) Van Horn, Alamosa; Marian Hart, Monte Vista; Nolan (Cindy) Hathcock, South Jordan, Utah; Lola (Mark) Brimhall, Monte Vista; her son-in-law Bob Morgan of Alamosa and her daughter-in-law Suzy Hathcock Winder of St. George, Utah as well as numerous posterity.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, her son Gaylon Hathcock and her daughter Kathleen

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**Q1. We have a low case count in Saguache County still and in the Valley overall. Do you believe that is because we really don't have that many cases or is it due to under-reporting and lack of testing?**

**A1.** Until recently, testing capacity statewide was limited as the testing methodologies were validated and testing materials were secured and distributed. When you add to that, given our location, that it's not easy for many Saguache County residents to access care there are likely cases that have not been tested and reported. People who have mild illness or are asymptomatic are less likely to seek care, even when it's readily available. We also know from flu seasons, that southern and western counties of the state tend to peak after the metro Denver area, so it's possible that disease will increase in the valley later than what we see in the metro area.

**Q2. What should Valley counties do to ramp up the testing and who should they test? Just those with symptoms? (Currently the practice at Saguache County Public Health)**

**A2.** CDPHE and the UCC are encouraging all counties to develop and implement plans for community testing. As PCR testing becomes more widely available, we are encouraging anyone with symptoms, even mild symptoms to get tested. In addition, testing people without symptoms is appropriate for close contacts of cases or for outbreak response to help control transmission.

**Q3. Is it smarter to test and quarantine those who test positive versus quarantining the elderly and at-risk people who are healthy? Or should we do both?**

**A3.** Testing and isolation of people who are ill and quarantining their close contacts are important parts of our strategy for containing the pandemic. Because older people and those with underlying conditions are at higher risk for severe disease, they should continue to practice social distancing, hand hygiene, and other measures to avoid exposure so that they stay healthy.

**Q4. Are there things people should know about this virus that aren't generally known that would help prevent spread/infection?**

**A4.** Since this is a new virus, we are learning more about it every day. In the beginning, for example, we had no idea what a broad spectrum of symptoms the virus can cause or that it could be spread by people with little or no symptoms. One of the things we've updated recently based on new information is the length of time someone should isolate themselves when they are ill. Early on, we recommended isolation for seven (7) days after symptoms start. As we learned more about how long someone can be infectious, that isolation period has been increased to 10 days.

**Q5. Do you believe the Kawasaki-related illness they are now seeing in children is COVID-connected and should the children presenting with these symptoms be tested?**

**A5.** Colorado made providers aware of this potential emerging syndrome on May 5 and requested that they report suspected cases to public health but have not received reports as of yet. We are not aware of the exact number of cases nationally and would recommend reporters contact Children's Hospital Colorado for more information.

**Q6. How can anyone be certain**

**about cause of death reports, especially among the elderly, when there can be no autopsies? Aren't they just shooting in the dark here?**

**A6.** Neither a positive test nor an autopsy is necessary for COVID-19 to be listed on a death certificate. We ask the medical certifier — either a physician or coroner — to follow the CDC's Guidance for Certifying Deaths Due to Coronavirus Disease 2019. This guidance instructs certifiers to "use their best clinical judgement in determining if a COVID-19 infection was likely" when test results are not available. That clinical judgment would mainly involve looking at the person's symptoms and any close contact with someone who did have a positive test for COVID-19.

**Q7. Without autopsies, how can we know the various at-risk categories these people are classified in (diabetic/obese, heart, lung, kidney disease, chemo patient, AIDS/HIV, those involved in substance abuse, etc.) Wouldn't this be important for future projections?**

**A7.** Autopsies generally are not performed to learn a patient's medical history — providers usually have this information already. We are working on two projects that will hopefully give us a better understanding of this soon — a CDC project and a review COVID-19 patients' hospital charts that will give us a better understanding of relationships between preexisting conditions and COVID-19 in Colorado.

**Q8. Does susceptibility seem to have any indicators other than the above in Q. 7? (Some reports indicate Native Americans, Afro-Americans are more susceptible.)**

**A8.** People of color are disproportionately likely to be exposed to the virus in low-paying "essential" jobs; are more likely to have limited access to affordable healthcare, childcare, and transportation; are more likely to live in neighborhoods with high air pollution rates; and are more likely to face unsanitary conditions in prisons, jails, and detention centers. Due to these types of inequities, people of color face chronic disease health disparities, leaving them with a higher risk of dying due to COVID-19.

**Q9. What additional measures could be taken in nursing homes to prevent infection and spread of the virus?**

**A9.** The Colorado Unified Command Center (UCC) has launched a Residential Care Task Force to reduce the spread of illness and number of deaths in these settings. The COVID-19 Residential Care Task Force has already completed or begun implementing a number of actions to immediately mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 illness in all high-density environments serving older adults and people with disabilities. These actions focus on five main areas: testing, enforcement and education, increased access to personal protective equipment, isolation plans, and staffing improvements.

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First and foremost, our determined Class of 2020. They had some unique challenges with their final quarter of school, but they handled it well, and accomplished their goals! Well done seniors! The town celebrated our original graduation date, Saturday, May 16, with a parade for our seniors. Thanks to everybody who participated and helped to make this possible. Parents, specifically Sandra Almeida, and community members rallied together to make this happen.

Our seniors were also showcased on banners outside of the school, coordinated by Katrina Ruggles. BOE member Lloyd Garcia, the Ruggles family including Cael, Cayden and Katrina, and Damian Casanova helped to get the banners up and cleaned out the area around the fence so that everything looked great!

Mr. Schoenfelder has been working hard on senior pages and took some amazing photos for our graduates. He is always dependable in making sure our events are documented through pictures.

Thanks to Julio Paez, our technical director, for getting the students' names scrolling on our electronic billboard in front of the building. Everybody is working hard to make our Class of 2020 feel special. There are some more exciting things planned... and we are looking forward to our big graduation ceremony on August 1!

Staff has continued to work hard by providing innovative learning activities for our students. Staff has continued to plan and deliver innovative learning experiences for our students. From Ms. Donaldson's Zoom lessons to Joe Martinez and Tim Sanchez working hard to keep us healthy and active.

Ms. Alfson's culinary arts class put together meals that were served hot for their families. Third-grade teachers collaborated via Zoom and Kindergarteners had a hat day! Our staff has done an amazing job following through with our core belief- Everyone must be committed to excellence in all they do, every day. That commitment to excellence has been demonstrated by students and staff throughout this remote learning experience.

This will be our last official week of school.

We have a couple more end-of-the-year activities planned. Skoglund Middle School will be recognizing our eighth-graders through a virtual continuation ceremony Wednesday evening at 6 p.m. Kindergarteners will be recognized for their accomplishments as well.

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## COVID

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reports that the state is now separating out the cause of death in COVID-19 cases to indicate who has died with COVID-19 and who have actually died from COVID-19. Beginning May 15, the department began reporting the number of deaths as follows:

- The number of deaths among people with COVID-19. This represents the total number of deaths reported among people who have COVID-19, but COVID-19 may not have been the cause of death listed on the death certificate. This information is required by the CDC and is crucial for public health surveillance, as it provides more information about disease transmission and can help identify risk factors among all deaths across populations.
- The number of deaths

among people who died from COVID-19: This represents the total number of people whose death was attributed to COVID-19 as indicated on a death certificate. This number is determined by the CDC and is updated daily for dates through the previous Saturday.

The number of deaths due to COVID-19 and deaths among people with COVID-19 should not be added together.

The number of deaths due to COVID-19 are not necessarily included in the number of deaths among people with COVID-19. After review, at either the state or national level, some deaths may not be counted as COVID-19 deaths. This is rare, and the expectation is in the end, the numbers will closely align.

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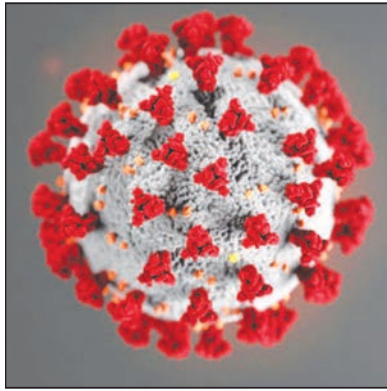
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## State distributes first allocation of experimental anti-viral treatment

**COLORADO** - The Colorado State Unified Command Group (UCG) has received an initial shipment of the experimental anti-viral drug remdesivir from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to investigate its benefit in improving recovery in patients with severe COVID-19 symptoms. The UCG received enough doses of the drug to treat approximately 100 patients and began distributing the drug this week to eight hospital systems that serve Coloradans across the state.



remdesivir versus 11.6 percent for the placebo group.

Hospitalized patients with advanced COVID-19 and lung involvement who received remdesivir recovered faster than similar patients who received placebo, according to a preliminary data analysis from a randomized, controlled trial involving 1063 patients, which began on Feb. 21. The trial (known as the Adaptive COVID-19 Treatment Trial, or ACTT), sponsored by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), part of the National Institutes of Health, is the first clinical trial launched in the United States to evaluate an experimental treatment for COVID-19.

Supplies are being distributed in proportion to the number of COVID-19 cases and persons under investigation occurring at each hospital system.

Preliminary results indicate that patients who received remdesivir had a 31 percent faster time to recovery than those who received placebo. Specifically, the median time to recovery was 11 days for patients treated with remdesivir compared with 15 days for those who received placebo. Results also suggested a survival benefit, with a mortality rate of 8.0 percent for the group receiving

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has issued an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for use of remdesivir for the treatment of hospitalized COVID-19 patients. Gilead Sciences, Inc. committed to supplying approximately 607,000 vials of the experimental drug over the next six weeks to treat an estimated 78,000 hospitalized COVID-19 patients under the EUA granted by the FDA.

Preliminary results of a randomized controlled clinical trial suggested that remdesivir was associated with faster recovery for hospitalized patients. Multiple clinical trials are currently underway or in development.

Decisions on who should receive a dose will be made by physicians

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## Report bear sightings and problems as soon as possible

**SAN LUIS VALLEY** – Bears are out of their winter dens in Southwest Colorado and Colorado Parks and Wildlife is asking residents to help in making sure bears live as long and as wild as possible. Please, report bear issues to CPW as soon as you see them. Some bear sightings have been reported in Del Norte recently.

Besides securing trash and taking down bird feeders, residents should call CPW office as soon as they see bears knocking over trash cans, getting into bird feeders or hanging around an area for more than 15 minutes. Unfortunately, many people ignore what they might consider “minor” problems. Reporting problems early provides wildlife officers flexibility in dealing with the situation. But when a bear becomes aggressive CPW officers have few options.

“We know that a lot of people don’t call CPW when a bear is causing problems in a neighborhood because they think our only course of action is to euthanize the bear,” said Rick Basagoitia, area wildlife manager in the San Luis Valley. “But if we hear early about minor problems, wildlife officers have a menu of options on how to handle the issue and can take action that will have a better outcome for the bear and for the neighborhood.”

If a bear is causing problems it’s most likely because some type of food source is available - bird feeders, improperly stored garbage, garbage cans being left out or being put out the night before pick-up, pet food being left outside, etc. Often, the food source can be found at one residence



in a neighborhood. So when CPW receives a report, for example, of a bear hanging too long around an area, a wildlife officer can go there and attempt to determine the source of the problem.

“Early reports help us to approach a situation with a lot of options available,” Basagoitia explained. “Many times it’s easy to find the food source and talk to a resident about that. We can make suggestions to the neighborhood or a homeowners’ association, work with the trash hauler, or even decide to trap and move a bear.”

But CPW needs cooperation from residents to make an early

intervention.

“The last thing a CPW officer wants to do is put down a bear. Every wildlife officer absolutely hates to do that,” Basagoitia said. “But if a bear moves from causing minor problems to acting aggressively and causing major problems, like breaking into houses or vehicles, we have no options. At that point we are required, by law to euthanize the bear. Human safety always comes first.”

The best solutions come when residents choose to work with CPW. “So please, give us a call when you see problems,” Basagoitia said.

**Please see BEARS on Page 3**

## Second time around

We must sell it, I told Mother, for we really have no other choice. The price is much too dear to harbor any doubt.

And though I know we’ll miss it the time has come to kiss it goodbye and find another place a little further out.

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It presaged a corrosion, an urban sprawl erosion that covets all the fertile ground and overruns us still.

It’s not givin’ up, I told her, just that we are gettin’ older and besides, the country’s really not the



country anymore. We’re surrounded by construction that has zoned the mass destruction of our pastures and our neighbors and our never lockin’ door.

Why, just look at that horizon where we watched the sun arisin’ after milkin’ on those mornin’s when the air was clear and still.

Now the houses clone each other, everyday, it seems another, as they creep a little closer like a stain upon the hill.

But there’s no way we can change it. No way to rearrange it that would suit us ‘cause the truth is, they’d plow us underground.

So we take the offer made us, be thankful that they paid us enough to make a better start the second time around.

And we’ll find a place less crowded, where the air is still unclouded,

where the country still is friendly to our kind of pioneers.

Though the homeplace still might beckon, they will ravage her, I reckon, so we’re better off just movin’ while we’ve got a few good years...

And are able to think clearly and can still hold back the tears.

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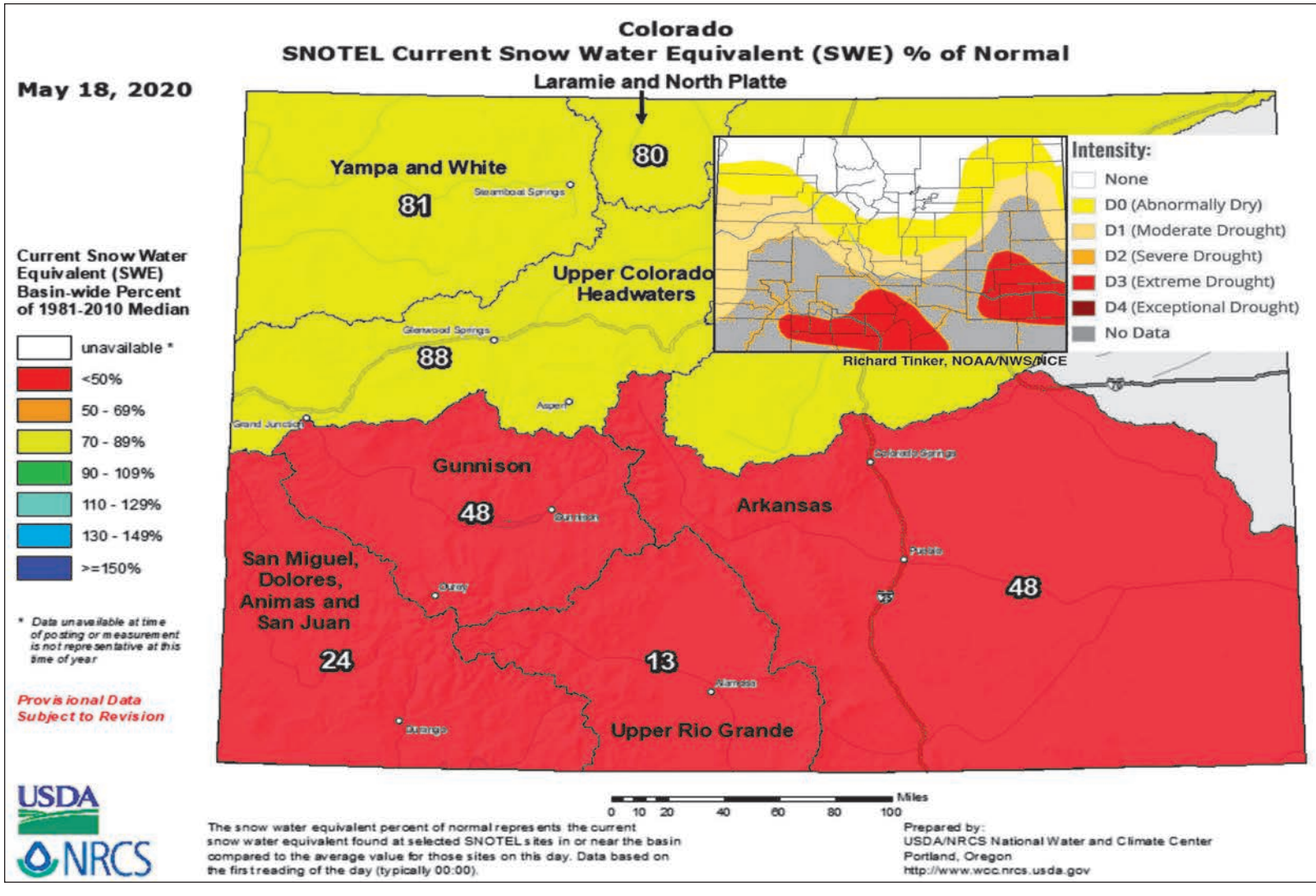
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# Near normal snowpack not enough to break on-going drought in southern Colorado

**SAN LUIS/ARKANSAS VALLEYS** - Snow packs in the Arkansas and Rio Grande basins were near normal this year. That snow was not enough to relieve the on-going drought. Runoff in both basins is expected to be well below normal and looks to be coming early. Warm temperatures and lack of precipitation in April have accelerated the snowmelt. Models indicate the runoff may peak about 2-3 weeks ahead of an average year; the Rio Grande slightly earlier than the Arkansas. Runoff in the Arkansas and Rio Grande basins will be well-below average.

Drought conditions began to develop in the early fall of 2019. Below average rainfall during the summer and into the fall depleted soil moisture and groundwater going into the winter. Those dry soils and groundwater reservoirs are currently absorbing snow melt that would run off in a wetter year. Forecasts from both the NRCS and the NWS reflected these dry soils and ground water deficits earlier this winter. Water users in the Arkansas River basin are fortunate to have a number of dams available within the system. Snowpack and runoff in 2018-2019 were abundant and some of it remains available in storage. They also may bring in water from the Colorado River basin via the Fryngpan-Arkansas project. The Rio Grande basin in Colorado does not benefit from similar storage and diversion facilities.



## Select local high school seniors get free fall tuition

**TRINIDAD/ALAMOSA** - Area high school students who took concurrent enrollment classes from Trinidad State in the spring 2020 semester are eligible to receive a full tuition scholarship this fall.

“For those high school seniors who had planned to go away to college this fall,” said Trinidad State President Dr. Rhonda Epper, “this is a way to stay close to home and save thousands of dollars. We’ve never done anything like this before, but these are unusual times.”

The savings for each student is estimated at more than \$2,400, but the number of scholarships available is limited. “We understand the COVID-19 Pandemic has created a large disruption for your senior year

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of high school and may be influencing your plans to move on to college in the fall. Maybe you have concerns about relocating to a COVID-19 hot spot, or perhaps you question attending college at all given the uncertainties ahead," continued Epper. "We have a great solution for you. You've already earned credit through TSJC, so why not go ahead and take one more semester

with us?" Students are encouraged to apply quickly, as the funding is limited.

Trinidad State plans to open with face-to-face instruction on Aug. 17. Health precautions will include frequent cleaning of shared surfaces, physical distancing and small class sizes. Residence Halls are planned for single-room occupancy.

The money to pay for this program

comes from CARES Act funding from the federal government.

To be eligible students must have taken at least one concurrent enrollment class through Trinidad State in the spring of 2020 and must enroll in 15 credit-hours this fall at either Trinidad State Campus (Trinidad or Alamosa). If that student chooses to continue with Trinidad State beyond

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Bear sightings and problems in the San Luis Valley should be reported to CPW's Monte Vista office at 719-587-6900.

Following are simple and effective tips to keep bears wild:

Keep garbage in a well-secured location;

Only put out garbage on the morning of pickup.

Clean garbage cans regularly to keep them odor free.

Use a bear-resistant trash can or dumpster; available from your trash hauler or on the internet.

If you don't have secure storage, put items that might become smelly into the freezer until trash day.

Don't leave pet food or stock feed outside.

Bird feeders are a major source of bear/human conflicts. Attract birds naturally with flowers and water baths. Do not hang bird feeders from April 15 to Nov. 15.

If you must have bird feeders: clean up beneath them every day, bring them in at night, and hang them high so that

they're completely inaccessible to bears.

Do not attract other wildlife by feeding them, such as deer, turkeys or small mammals.

Don't allow bears to become comfortable around your house. If you see one, yell at them, throw things at them, make noise to scare them off.

Secure compost piles. Bears are attracted to the scent of rotting food -- and they'll eat anything.

Bears have good memories and will return to places they've found food.

Allow grills to burn for a couple of minutes after cooking to burn off grease and to eliminate odors. Clean the grill after each use.

Cleanup thoroughly after picnics in the yard or on the deck. Don't allow food odors to linger.

If you have fruit trees, pick fruit before it gets too ripe. Don't allow fruit to rot on the ground.

Keep garage doors closed.

Lock your doors when you're away from home and at night.

Keep the bottom floor windows of your house closed when you're not at home.

Do not keep food in your vehicle; roll up windows and lock the doors of your vehicles.

When car-camping, secure all food and coolers in a locked vehicle after you've eaten.

Keep a clean camp, whether you're in a campground or in the back-country.

When camping in the back-country, hang food 100 feet or more from campsite; don't bring any food into your tent.

Cook food well away from your tent; wash dishes thoroughly.

Talk to your neighbors and children about being bear aware.

If you keep small livestock, such as chickens, keep animals in a fully covered enclosure that is electrified. Don't store stock food outside, keep enclosures clean to minimize odors, hang rags soaked in ammonia and/or Pine-Sol around the enclosure.

If you have beehives, install electric fencing where allowed.

For more information go to the Living with Wildlife section on the Colorado Parks and Wildlife website: cpw.state.co.us.

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and their patients based on the recommendations under the EUA. As required by the EUA, health care providers must carefully document administration of remdesivir and submit a report on all medication errors and all serious adverse events.

Hospitalized patients with advanced COVID-19 and lung involvement who received remdesivir recovered faster than similar patients who received placebo, according to a preliminary data analysis from a randomized, controlled trial involving 1063 patients, which began on Feb. 21. The trial (known as the Adaptive COVID-19 Treatment Trial, or ACTT), sponsored by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), part of the National Institutes of Health, is the first clinical trial launched in the United

States to evaluate an experimental treatment for COVID-19.

An independent data and safety monitoring board (DSMB) overseeing the trial met April 27 to review data and shared their interim analysis with the study team. Based upon their review of the data, they noted that remdesivir was better than placebo from the perspective of the primary endpoint, time to recovery, a metric often used in influenza trials. Recovery in this study was defined as being well enough for hospital discharge or returning to normal activity level.

Preliminary results indicate that patients who received remdesivir had a 31 percent faster time to recovery than those who received placebo. Specifically, the median time to recovery was 11 days for patients treated with remdesivir compared

with 15 days for those who received placebo. Results also suggested a survival benefit, with a mortality rate of 8.0 percent for the group receiving remdesivir versus 11.6 percent for the placebo group.



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the fall 2020 semester, additional scholarships may be available.

To confirm eligibility and apply, go to the Trinidad State website at [trinidadstate.edu/concurrent/](http://trinidadstate.edu/concurrent/). This is a one-time opportunity for concurrent enrollment graduating seniors.

For those who don't qualify for this special offer, Trinidad State offers the Learn Local Scholarship, which automatically reduces tuition by 20 percent for area students who take 15 credit-hours in the fall. This is limited to students who live in Las Animas, Huerfano, Costilla, Conejos, Rio Grande, Saguache, Alamosa or Mineral counties. For more information call 800 621-TSJC.

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<b>Key Metrics</b>						
New Listings	28	12	-57.1%	68	57	-16.2%
Sold Listings	8	5	-37.5%	32	35	+9.4%
Median Sales Price*	\$175,000	\$265,000	+51.4%	\$157,500	\$200,000	+27.0%
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Inventory of Homes for Sale	123	91	-26.0%	--	--	--
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# Colorado Parks and Wildlife will begin to reopen campgrounds around the state

**COLORADO** - At a COVID-19 response update at the state capitol today, Colorado Governor Jared Polis indicated Colorado Parks and Wildlife will begin working to reopen campgrounds at its state parks, phasing in available sites by park in coordination with counties.

Coloradans hoping to camp must do so by reservation. Visit [cpwshop.com](http://cpwshop.com) to make your camping reservation and be sure to check for the latest updates and campground openings on CPW's COVID-19 Information page.

"Today, I am proud to announce that Colorado State Parks and State Wildlife Areas will be open to camping starting May 12. I am proud of Colorado Parks and Wildlife for keeping our state parks open during this entire period to help Coloradans be safe outdoors. We know Coloradans have been anxious to get back to extended stays in our beautiful state parks, but it's important to be able to open camping safely," said Gov. Jared Polis.

"Working with CDPHE and our counties and taking into account the applicable local public health orders, we can now begin implementing reopening plans for camping and taking reservations at our state parks. We ask that campers be very mindful that camping today may look very different from what you might be used to, but we are excited for people to be able to begin planning their next camping trip in Colorado."

Per the Governor's guidance, CPW will begin working immediately with counties that are open and willing to receive visitors. CPW campgrounds will be opening to camping at many state parks beginning Tuesday, May 12. This will be a phased approach to reopening campgrounds with county coordination, some parks may have limited opportunity and others may remain closed for a few more days based on local needs. Agency staff is finalizing reopening plans and asks visitors to state parks to remain flexible in their travel plans as we work with counties and local public health orders to open safely and cooperatively.

## Important points about the reopening process

The reopening process will be in coordination with local counties and will take into account any local restrictions that are in place. CPW staff will also maintain communication with local officials following reopening.

Campers will need to make sure they respect local community restrictions: <http://counties.coloradogeodev.com/safer.html>.

The reopening of camping will closely abide by all Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and Centers for Disease Control social distancing guidance and recommendations.

Campers should also follow best practices for recreational travel, including bringing your meals with you, filling up on gas before leaving home, bringing cleaning supplies and personal hygiene items and remembering to wear masks when out in public. See below for additional best practices for those planning recreational travel.

Best Practices If You Are Planning Recreational Travel

CDPHE recommends that you stay home as much as possible and avoid close contact with others, especially if you are at higher risk of severe illness. If you are camping in your local region, here are several things you should consider before you go.

## Plan as if you are going to the moon:

You **MUST** have a reservation. No exceptions.

**PLAN AHEAD.** Actively practice the 7 Principles of Leave No Trace, which includes Planning Ahead and Preparing. The goal is to eliminate the need for stops to and from your camping adventure.

Top off your tank. Fill up your gas tank in your neighborhood before you leave to avoid stopping both to and from your camping destination.

Plan your meals ahead of time. Use a cooler and shop at your local grocery store near where you live before you go. Make sure you have all the equipment necessary to cook, consume, and dispose of waste from your meals.

Safety first. Bring a first-aid kit and put it under the seat of your car (or refresh the first-aid kit that you already have).

Be prepared for No. 2. If you plan to camp in a dispersed area, bring your own portable toilet or other equipment to dispose of human waste properly (public facilities may be closed). Failure to properly dispose of waste, especially in areas with high visitation, damages the environment and impacts other visitors.

Pack out your trash. With limited staff and services likely in many parks and protected areas, trash and recycling receptacles may not be emptied as often as normal. This can result in trash overflowing from receptacles which becomes litter and can harm wildlife. Instead, pack your trash and recyclables out with you all the way home and utilize your own receptacles.

## This trip will not be the same as your last trip:

Respect local restrictions. Look into local restrictions and avoid counties and localities with limitations on recreational activities or travel: <http://counties.coloradogeodev.com/safer.html>

Prepare for reduced services. While camping may be allowed, there is a chance that restrooms, trash receptacles, and other facilities may be closed or have limited service. Bring your own supplies like toilet paper, hand sanitizer, and trash bags as a backup.

Be mindful with campfires. Use only developed, approved fire pits when camping. Respect the counties and public land managers that have placed restrictions on campfires - notices will be posted when closures are in place. When camping or recreating, please consider the impact that a wildfire would have on our first responders. Never leave a fire unattended and fully extinguish all coals before leaving.

Don't engage in high-risk activities. Know your limits and plan your trip ahead of time to avoid getting lost or hurt. Many search and rescue volunteers are involved in other public health activities in their communities. Please don't distract them from this important work and put them at risk.

Keep it below 10. Camp and recreate with members of your household and keep your overall numbers below 10 individuals.

Make new friends another time. Don't invite visitors to your campsites, even for a few minutes. Gatherings of larger than 10 individuals will be asked to leave and may result in loss of your camping privileges.

Protect yourself and others during your trip:

Feeling sick? Stay home. Don't go if you or anyone in your household is sick. **Please see CAMP on Page 8**



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# How to harvest wild asparagus

Asparagus (*Asparagus officinalis*), one of the most delectable treats available for spring harvest, develops bright red berries in fall. The berries are filled with seeds that are later deposited in the wild, so wild asparagus patches grow outside cultivation. You can hunt for wild asparagus along roadsides, fence rows and in pastures. A perennial vegetable in U.S. Department of Agriculture plant hardiness zones 4 through 8, asparagus produces new shoots from the roots, sometimes for several decades. If you do not disturb the roots, you can harvest asparagus from the same spot each year.

Look for asparagus patches in late summer and fall; take note of the location so you can return in mid-spring to begin harvesting the fresh asparagus. New asparagus shoots camouflage themselves well among tall grass and other plants, but when allowed to bloom and go to seed, plants reach up to 3 feet high with delicate, fernlike foliage and small, bright red berries at the tip of the stalks.

Grasp the base of the tender asparagus shoots firmly in one hand. Cut straight through the stalk with a kitchen knife at or slightly beneath the soil surface. Harvest asparagus spears that are about the diameter of a pencil or larger, and with spear tips that have not yet opened.

Return to the asparagus patch frequently to harvest new spears before they go to flower. If you allow the asparagus to flower without harvesting, production of new spears will slow or stop prematurely. Stop harvesting the wild asparagus when production slows, usually in early summer, resulting in fewer and smaller asparagus spears than at the beginning of harvest time. Leave the remaining



spears in the ground and allow them to go to seed.

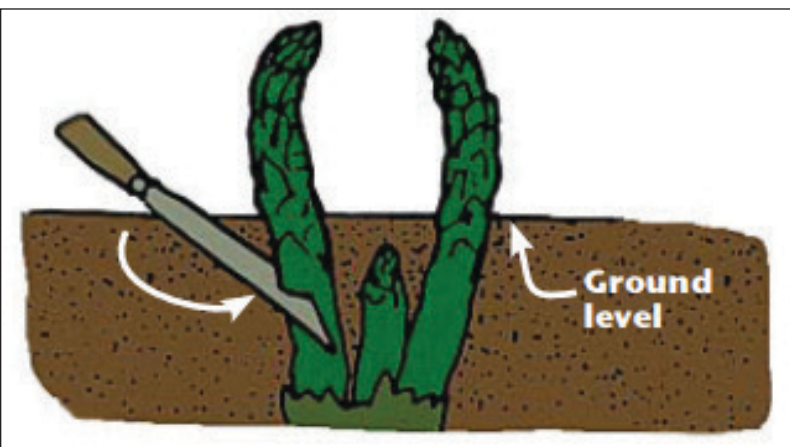
### Things You Will Need

Kitchen knife

### Tip

Refrigerate wild asparagus as soon as possible to prevent the spears from becoming stringy. If you find more asparagus than you can eat before it goes bad, you can cook the asparagus in boiling water for a few minutes, in a process known as blanching, and freeze the spears.

Article courtesy of *homeguides.sfgate.com*



# CAMP

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hold feels sick or are having any COVID-19 related symptoms. If you or anyone in your party starts to feel sick while you are camping, go home.

Wash your hands. If you use a public restroom, wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

Bring hand sanitizer. Bring hand sanitizer that contains at least 60 percent alcohol and use it often. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub your hands together until they feel dry.

Give some space. Keep 6 feet of physical distance from others not in your household group. Do not congregate near bathrooms or water sources.

Wear a face covering. If you must stop at a gas station or store, wear a cloth face covering at all times.

Don't be caught off guard. Bring a cloth face covering every time you leave your campsite and wear it when there's a chance that you may encounter others, such as out on the trail or in the woods.

No touching. Without thinking

about it, we touch our own face A LOT. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth to prevent potential spread of the virus.

Cover coughs and sneezes. Use a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash, or use your inner elbow or sleeve.

Keep a clean campsite. Place trash in plastic trash bags and properly dispose of your trash in available trash containers. If trash service isn't provided at your campsite, bring it home with you.

Keep pets in your immediate control. Dogs must remain leashed at all times and maintain at least 6 feet from other people and animals. Avoid contact with other campers' pets.

Have patience and be kind to others. Remember, we're all in this together and tensions are high. Keep your distance, be courteous, and perhaps send a wave to your neighbors when you pass their campsite and have fun!

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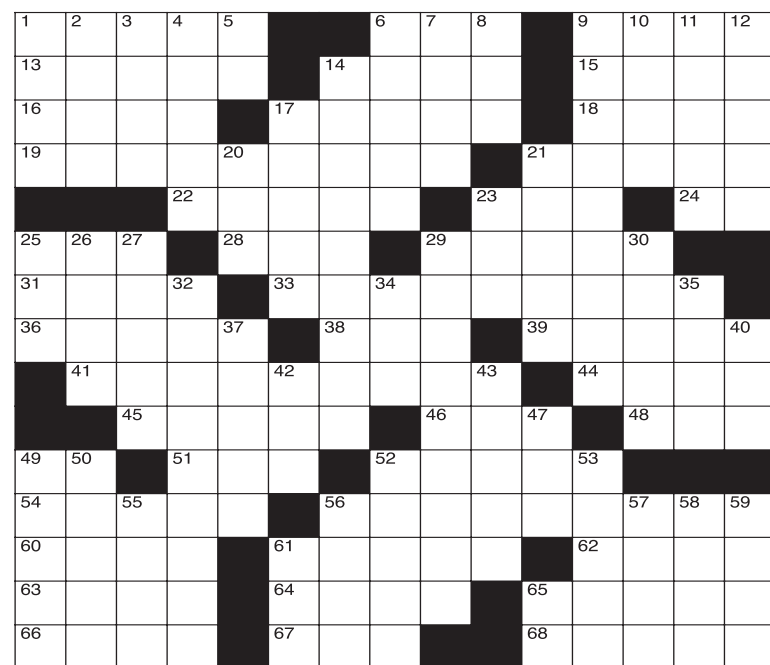
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1. Indicates number of days
6. When you hope to get there
9. Hairstyle
13. Black (Spanish)
14. Expresses pleasure
15. Away from wind
16. Tech pros organization
17. Wile E. Coyote is familiar with it
18. Clean
19. Saints' signal caller
21. A way to hunt
22. Poetries
23. Automobile
24. Secondary school (abbr.)
25. Indicates before
28. Male parent
29. Short-billed rails
31. It pays to keep yours
33. On occasion
36. David \_\_, US playwright
38. Slang for cigarette
39. Vaccine developer
41. Returned to health
44. Toni Morrison novel
45. Period between eclipses
46. Veterans battleground
48. Gang
49. A radio band
51. Jaws of a voracious animal
52. Elaborate garments
54. Chinese province
56. Checks
60. Horizontal passage
61. Steep hillsides

### Solution to last week's puzzle

2	9	8	3	4	7	6	5	1
5	1	4	9	2	6	8	7	3
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1	6	5	2	3	8	4	9	7
3	5	1	6	8	4	7	2	9
4	2	9	7	1	3	5	8	6
7	8	6	5	9	2	3	1	4



62. Fertility god
63. Dried-up
64. Signs a name
65. \_\_ Winger, actress
66. German river
67. Gov't lawyers
68. Take something somewhere

### DOWN

1. \_\_ Blyton, children's author
2. Colleague
3. "The African Queen" writer
4. Crater on the moon
5. Toward
6. Overhang
7. Identifies something close at hand
8. Sign language
9. Unbroken views
10. Ancient Greek City
11. Stretch out to grasp
12. Alcohols that are unfit for drinking
14. Humorous stories
17. Long song for a solo
20. Barrels per day (abbr.)
21. City of Lights

23. A place to sleep
25. Advanced degree (abbr.)
26. The back
27. Furniture-makers Charles and "Ray"
29. Songs to a lover
30. Gland secretion
32. 10 meters
34. Disfigure
35. Stores grain
37. Sacred book of Judaism
40. Catch
42. Promise
43. Challenges
47. Russian space station
49. Banking giant
50. Served as an omen
52. Drenches
53. Type of sword
55. Minor planet
56. Messenger ribonucleic acid
57. Japanese ankle sock
58. Obtain in return for services
59. Waste matter
61. A proposal to buy at a specified price
65. Unit of loudness



# Dollar General Literacy Foundation awards \$320,000 in literacy grants to Colorado nonprofits

**COLORADO** - The Dollar General Literacy Foundation announced the award of approximately \$320,000 in literacy grants to Colorado nonprofit organizations. These grants are part of the Dollar General Literacy Foundation's largest one-day grant announcement, which supports summer, family and adult literacy programs.

In total, the Foundation awarded more than \$8.6 million to approximately 970 nonprofit organizations, libraries and schools to support the educational journey of more than 663,000 individuals, which aim to enhance local literacy and education initiatives throughout the communities Dollar General serves. "During these extraordinary times, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation remains steadfast in its commitment to support communities' literacy and educational advancements through funds that will impact thousands of students across the

country," said Todd Vasos, Dollar General's CEO and Dollar General Literacy Foundation board member. "We are proud to support the meaningful and impactful work that each of today's recipients conduct and support their ongoing efforts to help individuals improve their lives through literacy and education."

Grant recipients plan to use awarded funds to promote literacy and learning across a variety of programs including promoting childhood summer reading, help-



ing adults learn to read and prepare for the high school equivalency exam and helping individuals to learn English. Colorado recipients are listed below and a comprehensive list of grant recipients may be found online at [www.dgliteracy.org](http://www.dgliteracy.org). The grants awarded to Colorado organizations are expected to positively impact the lives of more than 3,700 residents.

"For more than 26 years, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation has invested in programs that help uplift and empower others through education," said Denine Torr, executive director of the Dollar General Literacy Foundation. "In the wake of the pandemic as more youth are in need of academic support and an increased number of adults are looking to enhance their basic skills and employability, we proudly continue our support of basic education and literacy initiatives

for individuals of all ages. We are grateful for the hardworking teachers and nonprofit leaders who are serving students in our hometown communities and hope these funds help advance their efforts."

Each year, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation awards funds to nonprofit organizations, schools and libraries within a 15-mile radius of a Dollar General store or distribution center to support adult, family, summer and youth literacy programs. Through partnerships with national literacy organizations like the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy, XPRIZE Foundation and the American Libraries Association, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation supports organizations that increase access to educational programming, stimulate and enable innovation in the delivery of educational instruction and inspire a love of reading. The Dollar General Literacy Foundation also offers a student referral program for individuals interested in learning how to read, speak English or prepare for the high school equivalency exam. Referrals to a local organization that provides free literacy services are available online here or through referral cards found in the Learn to Read brochures that are available at the cash register of every Dollar General store.

# SOIL Sangre de Cristo launches zero-interest farm loans

**SAN LUIS VALLEY** - SOIL Sangre de Cristo, a community-based nonprofit that will make zero-interest loans to local farmers and food producers, kicked off its

initial membership drive in April with a three-year matching grant from the New Belgium Family Foundation.

SOIL is an acronym for Slow Opportunities for Investing Locally

and is based on the principles articulated by activist and author Woody Tasch in *Inquiries into the Nature of Slow Money: Investing as if Food, Farms and Fertility Mattered* and SOIL: Notes Towards the Theory and Practice of Nurture Capital. In Colorado, SOIL-affiliated groups are creating more resilient food systems in the communities around Boulder, Durango and Carbondale, with more than \$700,000 in loans for crucial items such as tractors, worker housing and irrigation.

The New Belgium Family Foundation will match 50 percent of funds raised by SOIL Sangre de Cristo up to \$25,000 each year and will also donate an additional \$10,000 annually for three years.

SOIL Sangre de Cristo loans will be available to eligible farmers and food producers in the Valley with the goal of supporting healthy farms for a resilient and diverse local food system. The loans are zero-interest and do not require collateral, with each loan tailored to the applicant's specific needs.

SOIL will raise funds through

yearly memberships, which start at \$250 for Investor Members. Farmers and food producers can join for \$25. All members will vote on the loan awards.

SOIL Sangre de Cristo co-founder PJ Bergin was inspired by the farming heritage of Chaffee County, when it was known as the lettuce basket of the country, as well as the annual sum-

mer farmers market in Salida. "I felt I was supporting the local farmers, the farm economy that way," Bergin said. "But at the end of the market I began to think more and more, how did they survive the winter? Where was the income coming from to buy the seeds to start for the spring? Were they out there working other jobs so they could stay farmers?"

To qualify for the annual matching grant from New Belgium, SOIL Sangre de Cristo plans to sign up a minimum of 10 new investor members each month. They easily met April's goal with nine founding members, one of whom gave more than the \$250 minimum to make sure the first monthly goal was met. Founding members will have a front-row seat to the new organization as it grows and sets its funding guidelines.

"The members will be building this organization," Bergin said.

More information and a membership form for SOIL Sangre de Cristo can be found at [soilsangredecristo.org](http://soilsangredecristo.org).



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# 2020 Big game population status report

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In May, CPW released the 2020 Status Report: Big Game Winter Range Migration Corridors.

To manage big game populations, CPW uses a "management by objective" approach for each Data Analysis Unit (DAU). A DAU is the geographic area that represents the year-around range of a big game herd and delineates the seasonal ranges of a specific herd, while keeping interchange with adjacent herds to a minimum. A DAU includes the area where the majority of the animals in a herd complete their life cycle. Most DAUs are composed of multiple Game Management Units (GMUs), which are designed to distribute hunters within the DAU. In a few cases, only one GMU makes up a DAU.

**ELK**  
Colorado's statewide elk population, the largest in the United States, peaked in 2001 at 305,000 animals. The statewide 2018 post-hunt population objective range is 233,000-282,000. The 2018 post-hunt estimate was 287,000, up slightly from 282,000 in 2017. CPW utilizes season structure and hunter harvest, specifically antlerless harvest, to maintain or achieve population herd objectives. CPW has intentionally reduced elk populations to achieve population objectives. Reductions in antlerless licenses are anticipated as elk populations reach objectives or as population objectives increase.

Hunters and outfitters have increasingly expressed concerns that elk populations are becoming too low in some herds, despite the fact that 22 of 42 (52%) of the elk herds are above their current population objective ranges.

In Southern Colorado this is especially the case. CPW has gone to a limited draw only in 2020 for archery tags in Southwest Colorado and is also reducing the number of cow tags to archery hunters. In southern Colorado GMUs 80, 81, 771, 78, 751, 77, and 75 have elk populations that are greater than 10 percent below population objectives. In the San Luis Valley GMUs 76, 79, 791 which are draw only units, have elk populations that are greater than 10 percent above CPW population objectives. The Sangre

de Cristo GMUs are at population objectives or greater than 10 percent above objectives.

**DEER**  
Between 2007 and 2013, Colorado's estimated statewide deer population declined from roughly

600,000 deer to approximately 390,000 deer. Western Colorado has historically supported some of the largest mule deer herds in the state. The current statewide post-hunt deer population estimate is 433,000, which is well below the population objective range of 500,000-560,000

mule deer. In 2018, 23 of 54 (43%) deer herds are below their population objective ranges.

In the San Luis Valley GMUs 78, 80 81 and 83 are at objectives or greater than 10 percent below deer population objectives. While GMUs 76, 79, 791, 682 are greater than 10

percent above objectives.

**PRONGHORN**  
Colorado's statewide post-hunt pronghorn population objective range is 68,000 - 78,000, which is divided among 30 herds across the state.  
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# GAME

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state. The 2018 statewide post-hunt pronghorn population estimate is 79,000, down from the record high of 86,000 in 2017. Thirteen of 29 (45%) pronghorn herds are above their population objective range. Approximately half of the state's pronghorn herds reside in the Southeast Region, where the greatest number of licenses are available. In the San Luis Valley pronghorn populations are greater than 10 percent below population objectives.

into 39 different DAUs. There are approximately 550 desert bighorn sheep in 2 DAUs in Colorado.

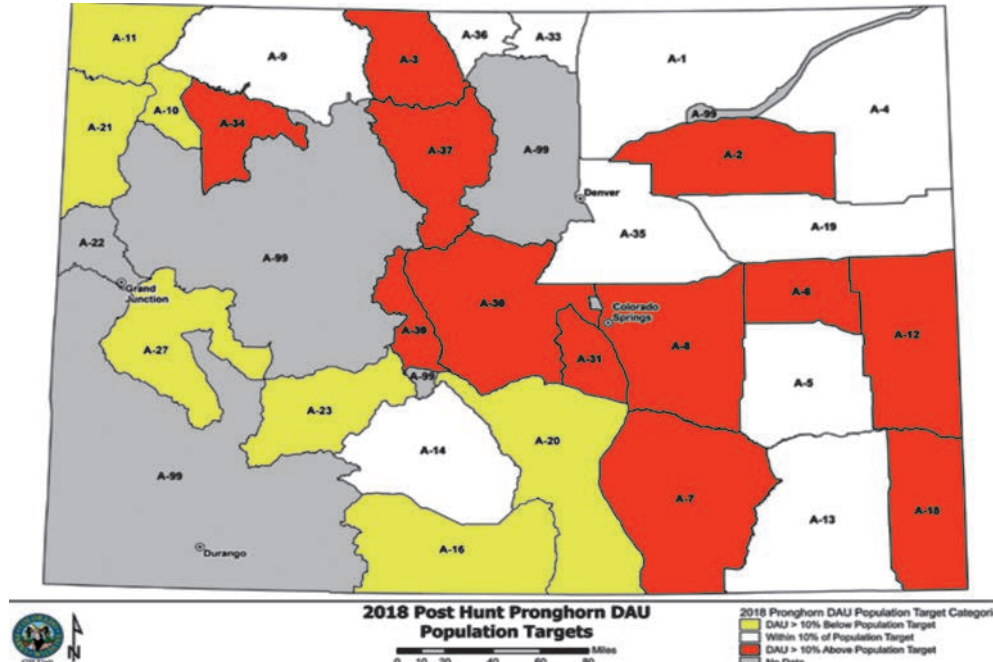
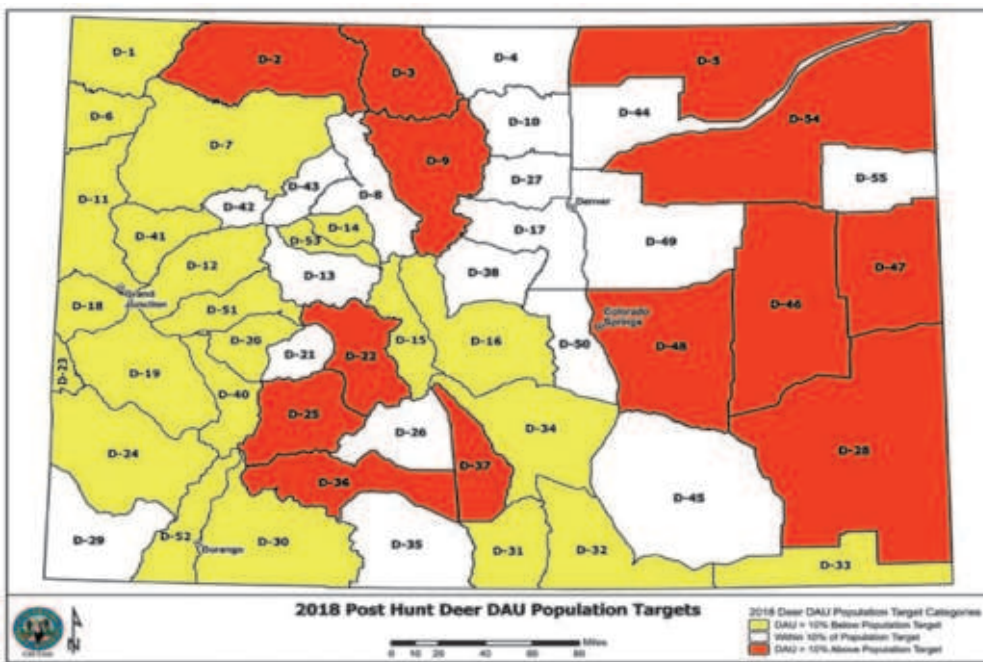
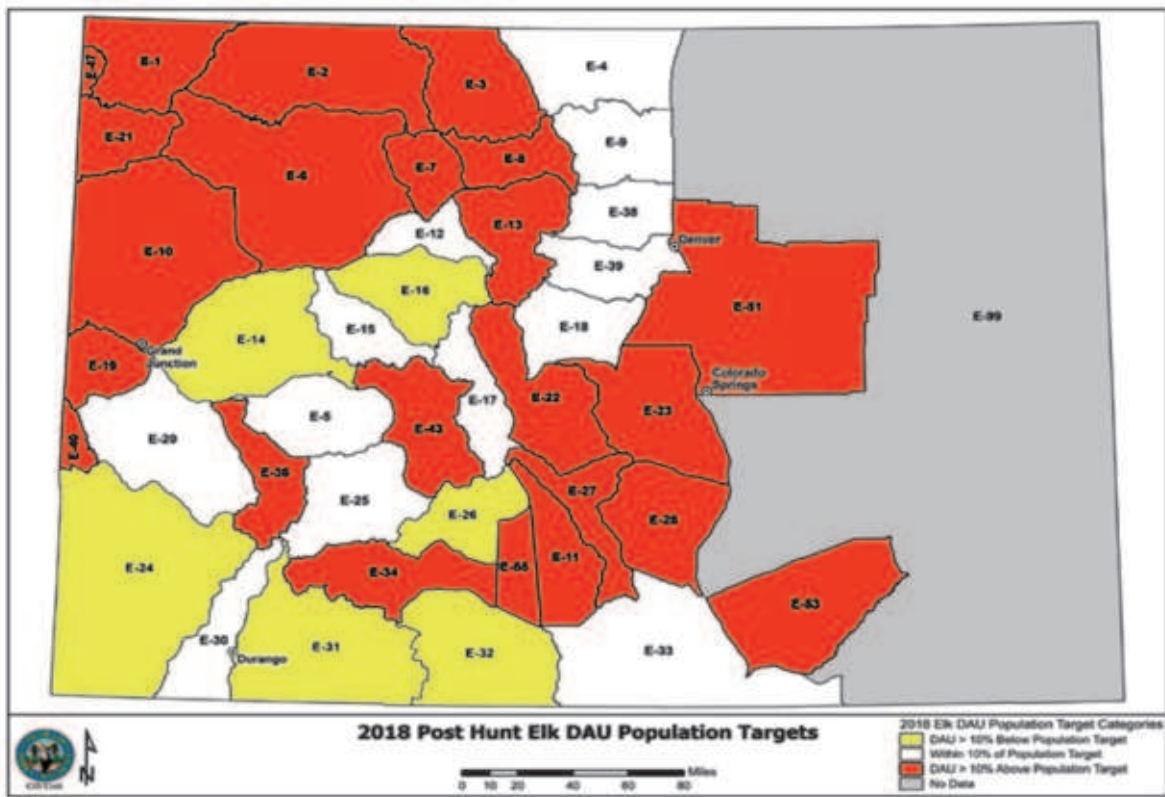
## MOOSE

Colorado's overall moose population continues to increase in size as moose expand their range and pioneer new habitats. The estimated statewide 2018 post-hunt moose population is 3,240. CPW has been increasing cow moose licenses to manage moose populations toward population objectives and to address moose conflicts in some areas. There are 12 moose DAUs in Colorado, 9 on the West Slope and 3 on the Front Range. Since 2017 CPW has allowed moose hunting in 63 GMUs, an increase from 39 GMUs in 2013.

## BIGHORN SHEEP

The 2019 post-hunt estimate for Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep populations is 6,940 (Figure 10). Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep hunting opportunities are divided

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# Cash incentives help agency adopt more wild horses and burros

WASHINGTON— The Bureau of Land Management announced that the Wild Horse and Burro Adoption Incentive Program launched in March 2019 contributed to a significant increase of animals placed into private care. In the first 12 months of the AIP, the agency adopted 6,026 animals, compared with 3,158 during the previous full fiscal year. That increase of 91 percent revives and accelerates an upward trend of adoptions that began in 2015.

The AIP, which began midway through Fiscal Year 2019, helped the agency to achieve a 15-year record for total placements that year of 7,104 animals. Total placements include animals adopted, sold or transferred to another public agency. Each animal successfully placed into private care is estimated to save taxpayers approximately \$24,000 in lifetime off-range holding costs. That amounts to over \$170 million in lifetime savings generated during Fiscal Year 2019 alone, in large measure due to the AIP.

“We’re excited that the public has responded so strongly to this innovative program. The successful use of incentives to increase adoption rates is a win for all involved – saving taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars, reducing the overpopulation of wild horses and burros on the range, and helping these animals find homes with families who will care for and enjoy them for years to come,” said Acting Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Land and Minerals Management Casey Hammond.

The AIP seeks to increase placements of wild horses or burros by paying individuals \$1,000 for each untrained animal they adopt. Payments are made in two installments: \$500 within 60 days of adoption, and \$500 within 60 days of receiving title (approximately one year later). By contrast, it costs an average of \$1,850 per year for the BLM to care for a wild horse or burro in an off-range corral facility.

“Placing animals into private care is a vital component of our mission to restore and maintain balance to America’s public lands where extensive wild horse and burro overpopulation threatens ecosystems, economies and even the health of the herds themselves,” said BLM’s deputy director for Policy and Programs William Pendley. “The response we’ve seen to this incentive reveals how much the American people value wild horses and burros and understand the importance of BLM’s mission to properly manage them.”

Besides an increase in overall adoption numbers, the first year of the AIP also saw a sharp rise in the number of first-time and repeat adopters, as well as the number of individuals who adopted multiple animals. In all, there were 2,923 first-time adopters, 932 repeat adopters and 1,280 multiple-animal adoptions – all of which represent substantial increases over previous years.

Brad Smoot and his family, who live in Arco, Idaho, learned of the Adoption Incentive Program and ultimately adopted eight wild horses. They started their herd by adopting two weanlings and two 2-year-olds from the Boise Wild Horse Off-Range Corrals. The initial experience with BLM Wrangler Ruby Kyle was so positive they made a trip to Boise and adopted three more mares. The Smoots then adopted a pregnant mare during the wild horse adoption held in Challis the winter of 2020. Having grown up with Quarter horses and Tennessee Walkers, Brad Smoot knew he wanted his family to enjoy experiencing life with horses.

“Together my wife and I have eight children and we enjoy getting into the back country and trail riding,” said Brad. “These horses have been relatively easy to start. I really do prefer working with horses that do not have any developed or spoiled habits.

My 15-year-old daughter has already started riding one of them.”

During the same time the agency ramped up other efforts to find good homes for more animals, including holding more events and offering more animals. Nationwide, there were a total of 223 adoption events held at BLM facilities, remote venues and online, at which 9,228 animals were offered. This also represents a substantial increase over previous years.

Under a 1971 law, the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act, BLM is responsible for preserving and protecting these animals as part of a thriving natural ecological system on public lands. The agency achieves this objective primarily by gathering and removing excess animals from the range and offering them for adoption or purchase at facilities and events around the country.

As of March 1, 2019, the wild horse and burro population on public lands was estimated at more than 88,000, which is more than triple the number of animals the land can sustainably support in conjunction with other legally mandated uses, making every successful adoption or sale vitally important in helping the agency regain proper balance.

Given the extensive overpopulation, wild horses and burros routinely face



starvation and death from lack of water. The high number of excess wild horses and burros causes habitat damage that forces animals to leave public lands and travel onto private property or even highways in search of food and water.

“The current overpopulation of wild horses and burros represents an existential threat to the health of landscapes across the West. In many places, the range will take decades to recover –

and in some cases, it’s unlikely that it ever will,” said Pendley. “For this reason, the Wild Horse and Burro Adoption Program is critical to the health of native wildlife populations and the economic health of countless communities.”

When the number of animals removed from the range exceeds the number the agency can place through adoption or sale, the remaining animals

are held in off-range corrals or contracted pastures at taxpayer expense. Currently there are approximately 50,000 wild horses and burros in off-range corrals and pastures. The cost of providing quality, humane care for these animals runs about \$50 million annually.

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