

Shorts

Crestone resident asks for help in addressing crime

CRESTONE — The following email from Njal Schold regarding public input on security and law enforcement in the Crestone/Baca Community was received by Saguache County Commissioners April 13 and entered into the record during their regular meeting April 21.

The email reads: The Crestone/Baca community is the largest

Youth volunteers needed for cleanup

CENTER — The Center Police Department is in the planning phases of a cleanup operation; Police Chief Dale Meek announced last week and will be requesting youth volunteers to assist in cleaning up the yards of elderly residents and the public areas of the community.

The weather has become extremely pleasant but there are many in the at-risk COVID-19 population that may need help with yard work. Additionally, town facility crews could use help in cleaning up the common areas of Center.

This operation will take place in two to three weeks, and again, is in the planning stages. The elderly would be the priority of this operation but based upon the numbers of volunteers, it will be expanded into a community cleanup effort.

"I would like this opportunity to involve our youth in making Center great," Meek said.

Potential volunteers can contact Meek via email or at 754-3497. Meek requests that volunteers submit names of anyone in need.

Meek said he will be contacting Center Schools Superintendent Carrie Zimmerman for young adults in the sophomore-senior grades who need/want volunteer hours. But any who are interested are encouraged to participate, he commented.

This effort will fall under COVID-19 social distancing guidelines and participants would be provided masks and gloves should they need them.

County Treasurer's office closure

SAGUACHE — The Saguache County Treasurer's Office will be closed for new software training Monday May 18 through Thursday May 21 at noon. Normal business will be conducted Thursday afternoon and Friday. All telephone messages will be returned accordingly. To set up an appointment to come into the office, please call 719-655-2656.

Moffat answers county's annexation complaint

By TERESA L. BENNS

SAGUACHE COUNTY — Boulder attorneys for the town of Moffat are requesting a dismissal of a complaint filed by Saguache County on March 20 to stop the Potch LLC/Area 420 annexation, claiming a lack of subject matter jurisdiction because the county failed to make a timely motion.

According to the response to the complaint, made by David S. Williamson and Marshall Keith Martin

of the law firm Williamson & Hayashi, LLC, the motion for reconsideration was filed by the county Feb. 25, 2020, which is not within 10 days of the effective date of the ordinance. (Editor Note: There were 29 days in February this year which appears to meet the 10-day requirement).

The response also states that the county has waived its right to object to the annexation impact report for failing to make their objections known during annexation hearings

conducted by the town of Moffat. Based on these allegations, Moffat's attorneys ask for a dismissal and award of reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of defense, (C.R.S. 31-12-116 (2)(a)(IV)).

The response specifically states that the annexation (i) does not, as a legal matter, remove the Town "from the County of Saguache;" and (ii) that Exhibit 1 to the Amended Complaint is not a copy of Ordinance No. 2020-1 in its entirety. It further alleges that

judicial review of the annexation under the statute cited is limited to a review of the "acts or findings" of the annexing municipality, but only as to eligibility for annexation and procedural compliance with the Municipal Annexation Act of 1965.

The response denies the court has the subject matter jurisdiction necessary to consider the wisdom of the annexation, or to invalidate it for any reasons other than failure

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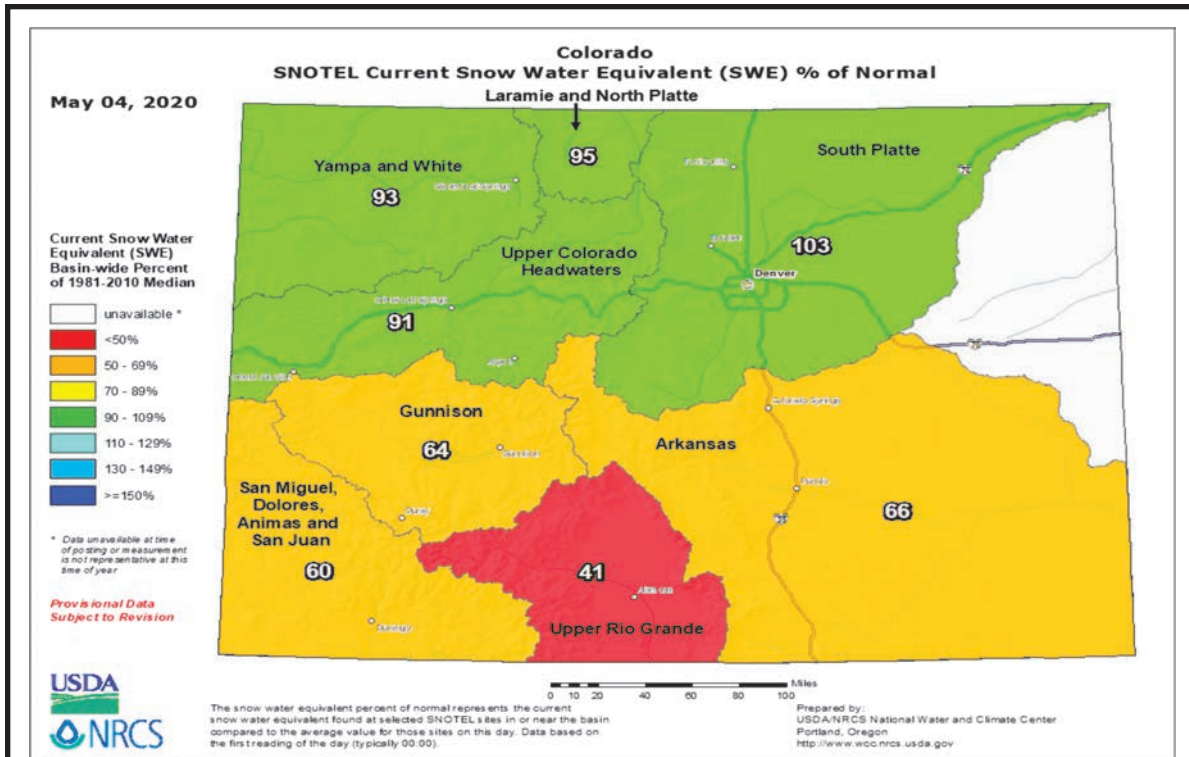
Moffat citizens' complaints not being ignored, sheriff says

By TERESA L. BENNS

SAGUACHE COUNTY — Complaints made by residents living in the Moffat area are not being taken lightly, Sheriff Dan Warwick said last week, but the ability of the Sheriff's Office to address them has been greatly hindered by state laws.

Citizens have complained to the Center Post-Dispatch that instances of harassment and intimidation by suspected drug users and others in the Moffat area have made life unbearable and caused considerable

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The San Luis Valley has been experiencing unseasonably warmer temperatures and a lack of any significant precipitation. The snowpack level for the Upper Rio Grande is now 41 percent of normal. Correspondingly the Rio Grande's streamflow is 70 percent above normal. The streamflow average over the past 10 days was 1609.8 cfs, with a day to day variation of about 699.5cf

Comparing Seasons

Streamflow rates are flowing at high levels for this time of year; about 69.88% above the seasonal average. Compare all seasons

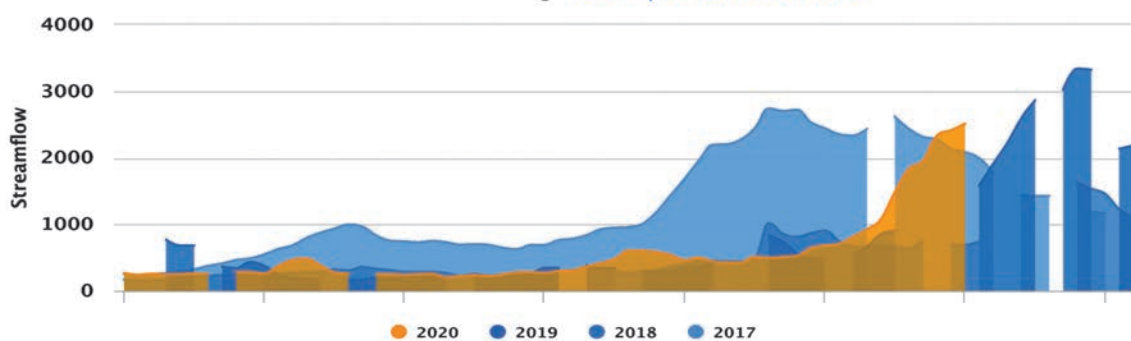


Photo by Teresa L. Benns

Sheriff Dan Warwick

Salute favorite teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week



SAN LUIS VALLEY — According to a Colorado Department of Education (CDE) news release, Colorado Teacher Appreciation Week is Monday through Friday, May 6-10, a week during which the state honors the men and women who lend their passion and skills to educating children.

"Colorado has nearly 60,000 public school K-12 teachers who every day enrich the lives of our children," said Colorado Education Commissioner Katy Anthes. "Research shows that teachers have a bigger impact on student performance than any other

school-based factor. Every week should be Teacher Appreciation Week. We know how hard they work and how dedicated they are to our students and we can never thank them enough."

During this week, which coincides with National Teacher Appreciation Week, the public can express its gratitude on social media by sharing a post, image or video with signs thanking a teacher and using the hashtag, #ThankATeacherCO.

This year's theme is "Educators Matter." Share why Educators

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OBITUARIES



Perry Lee Wilson, 66

Monte Vista resident Perry Lee Wilson peacefully passed away in the presence of his family, at home April 30, 2020. He was born Oct. 21, 1953 in Hobbs, New Mexico to Frank and Floraine Wilson. On July 16, 1988, he married the love of his life, Sandra Crook in Manassa, Colorado.

All of his life, Perry was a hard worker. He owned and operated Diamond P Builders, building many beautiful custom homes throughout The San Luis Valley. He also owned and operated Diamond P Excavating, and this was his passion. He owned and operated a Turquoise Mine in Nevada with his brothers, Ronnie and Jerry.

Perry enjoyed fishing, camping, Navajo Lake, yard work and gardening, the Broncos and trips to Mexico. His favorite season was fall and he loved roasting chili peppers. He loved to laugh and make others laugh with his storytelling. He will always be remembered as a generous man with a big heart for giving and a deep love for his family and friends.

Perry is survived by his spouse, Sandra Crook of Monte Vista, his

children, Shannan (Donald) Bryant of Denver, Garrett (Lacey) Pringle of Jefferson, South Dakota, Charrie Wilson of Woodstock, Illinois, and Celeste (Ernest Mark Pacheco) Lestienne of North Carolina, as well as, his grandchildren, Crystal, Cambridge, Isaac, Annie, Courtney, Alaina, Emma, James, Avry, London, Amaya, Danielle, Brandon and Angela, his great grandchildren, Esperanza, Tobias, Jeremiah and Piper (on the way), his siblings, Ronnie Wilson, Donnie (Judy) Wilson and Jerry Wilson, numerous nieces, nephews and extended family and friends, especially, Freddy Torres and John Garcia, the remaining of the "Three Amigos." His close friends John and Deb Braly, and Craig Blanchard.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his sister Loretta and his son John Holfeltz.

Cremation was selected and a celebration of life service will be held at a later time. In lieu of flowers, contributions are suggested to the San Luis Valley Cancer Fund through San Luis Valley Regional Medical Center and may be made



WILBER "WOODY" WATSON, 68

Wilber "Woody" Watson died May 1, 2020, in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He was born in Gunnison, Colorado, to Carly (Ross) and Woodrow Watson Dec. 3, 1951.

Wilber enjoyed horse riding, cattle, the mountains, working with leather. He worked all farm auctions and the auctions at the sale barn, and he was a heavy equipment operator. He belonged to the Cattlemen's

Association.

Wilber is survived by his wife, Ann Watson, three sisters, and several nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, one brother and one sister.

A graveside service will be held at the Del Norte Cemetery, on Saturday, May 9, 2020, at 11 a.m.

Arrangements in care of Strohmayer's Funeral Home.

in care of the funeral home. To express condolences, please visit www.rogers-funerals.com Rogers Family Mortuary in Monte Vista is in care of the arrangements.

THOMAS "TOMMY" RAY MAGNESS, 63,

Thomas "Tommy" Ray Magness passed away April 13, 2020, at his home in Monte Vista, CO. He was born in Monte Vista, CO, Aug. 24, 1956, the son of Jim and Wanita Magness.

A San Luis Valley native, Tom graduated from Monte Vista High School. He attended college and earned his degree through Colorado State University in Pueblo. Tom went on to work as a mechanic & farmer in the San Luis Valley. Later, Tom's career as a heavy-duty mechanic took him across the world to Antarctica, eventually Tom moved to New Mexico where he lived a number of years before finally returning home to Monte Vista. Tom always made friends no matter where he went; he will be remembered for his generous personality & willingness to help anyone in need as well as his ability to make those around him laugh.

His hobbies included: helping others, golfing, being outdoors,



shooting, general tinkering & spoiling his dogs Rusty & Lilly.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one grandchild, Oryan Bone. He is survived by his older brother Greg (Cathy) Magness, children, Willy (Wendy) Bone, Tyler (Alex) Magness, Shawna (Bear) Magness, grandchildren, Dalton,

Alora, Tommy, Jacob, Tiernan, Nealon, great-grandchild, Bentley, Uncle Tom Magness, Aunt Cathy Owens and numerous cousins. He will be greatly missed by friends and family. A private celebration of life will be held later.

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Commissioner highlights for April 21 meeting

SAGUACHE — The following highlights were taken from draft meeting minutes recorded by Saguache County Clerk’s office staffer Dominique White for the regular April 21 Saguache County Commissioners meeting broadcast via ZOOM.

residents on an appointment basis. See <https://www.saguachecounty.net> for further details.

Violations and court citations

Interim Land use Director Amber Wilson told commissioners a lot of complaints have been received in the county and mostly from the Mineral Hot Springs area about people living in campers, buses and not having proper sanitation. Currently, with how our regulations read, we cannot move forward with summoning people to court.

All our office can do right now is to keep taking pictures and giving citations. People are catching on and still not complying. We need to move forward with getting our code updated with the violations and penalties so we can get our violations under control.

There have been complaints about lights on County Road 41G. Code Enforcement has pictures, but it is lights at each neighbor — both are

out of compliance. They have been feuding with each other. Land Use can only address the light issue.

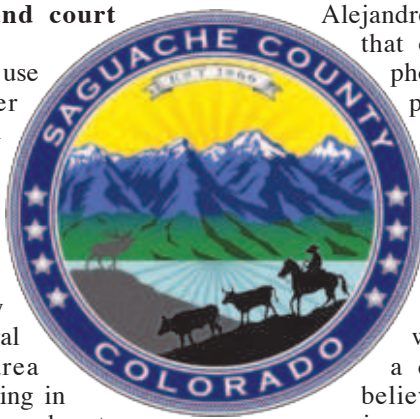
Code Enforcement Officer Alejandro Heredia stated that once he got the photographs of the property, it seemed to appear the lady’s lights were brighter. She stated that the lights were pointed in her window and she wants him to get a citation Heredia believes both should receive a citation.

Attorney Gibbons stated that his recommendation would be to send a violation letter to both parties. They are not complying with the dark-sky regulation. Gibbons suggested giving them a certain time frame to comply then follow up on it.

Heredia stated he has documented the times he has gone out to Mr. Klein’s property in Mineral Hot Springs. Heredia has given three citations and has not heard back. Heredia is not sure how to move forward.

Attorney Gibbons stated there is a

public health statute and public health assist order for violations of state and public health regulations.



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I would appreciate your vote as candidate for District Attorney in the Democratic primary on June 30th.

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Department head meeting

Commissioner Jason Anderson stated Colorado is in the beginning of looking at reopening the state slowly. We can reopen at any time because we were never told to shut down. The Board would like to have Department Heads thoughts on where and how Saguache County should go from here.

Randy Arredondo, Road and Bridge Supervisor stated he thinks we can go back to our regular schedule. County Treasurer Connie Trujillo stated the governor recommended that the businesses go back at 50 percent. Trujillo would like it to continue the way it is with some acceptance.

Interim Land Use Administrator Amber Wilson stated that she knows the Land Use office is going to be flooded with applications. She feels it would be a lot easier if they called in advance to make an appointment. Sheriff Dan Warwick stated he agrees with Land Use about doing things by appointment, then every office knows when they have a customer coming in, and Elke Wells, Security also won’t get confused.

Trujillo stated she would like to do things by appointment also and if they happen to have a walk up that’s fine too. Trujillo asked if we were still going to work at 50 percent staff.

Public Health Director Lynette Grant stated the County is limited in what we can do if someone is sick. Commissioner Jason Anderson suggested looking into getting shields like banks have for all of the offices. Trujillo was looking into the shields and sent an email to Maez with details.

Housing Director Evan Samora asked Trujillo if she could send that email to him. Clerk and Recorder Trish Gilbert stated she would like to have all staff on board. Gilbert doesn’t currently have her office open to researchers but would like to open it, her only concern is that they come from out of the area. She stated she is all for opening for appointments only. Gilbert had to bring all staff in last week to get caught up because the workload has not slowed down. The county is currently seeing

SAGUACHE SHERIFF REPORT

The following information was provided by the Saguache County Sheriff’s Office for the weeks of April 26-May 4, 2020.

Arrests

- Gabriel Sandoval, 31, Denver, three counts fugitive of justice
- Megan Bochmann, 27, Grand Junction, four counts fugitive of justice
- Chad DuFrame, 46, homeless, harassment (court-ordered release)
- Jessica Welch, 40, Moffat, criminal impersonation, fugitive of justice
- Sebastian Juarez, 21, Center, drove vehicle with excessive alcohol content, (summoned and released)
- Amber Felton, 29, Moffat, violation of a restraining order
- Victor Najera, 37, Center, contempt of court

Citations

- Ellen Wise, 59, Golden, speeding 74 in a 65 MPH zone

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OPINION & EDITORIAL

The great ATM in the sky

The month of May broke quiet and clear for Ol' Dutch and Miss Trixie safe and sound on our ranch in Texas. There is always work to be done here and this year we will delay our arrival date back in our home state of Colorado until June. The sure promise of that hot Texas summer is already in the air which means other people are journeying from their southern desert retirement enclaves back to cool Colorful Colorado.

It used to be that the local residents looked forward to the tourists' return every year much like the return of the hummingbirds around the red juice feeders but this year the mood is somewhat suppressed with the advent of the Covid-19 and fears of that dreaded virus hitching a ride, too. But no matter our opinions on the matter, the powers-that-be have decided on the outcome and money will once again flow into the coffers of counties where tourists are allowed.

Now Ol' Dutch began to wonder about all that money coming into the state -- an estimated \$1.5 billion in a normal year -- and I am beginning to worry a tad about where we are going to store it out of sight and out of the way. That is a pile of cash is almost a mile high and weighs over 2 million pounds -- sure to put a stress on any land we pile it on here in Colorado.

Of course the key to taking in that kind of cash is to spread it around and Ol' Dutch is always willing to help out in times of need and would be willing to store a sizable amount of said problem currency. I have land and the zoning to take in all that spare cash, so bring it on.

Considering that pile of cash I got to thinking and with that Miss Trixie rolled her eyes again. I am starting to wonder if that's another symptom of the dreaded corona as she does that whenever I open my mouth with some tidbit of real wisdom. When this is over, I am gonna get her checked out.

Anyway, I got to thinking about the national debt. One analyst predicted it will soon pass \$30 trillion as the politicians have seen fit to give away the farm to any and everyone with their hands out.

All they had to do was pay off certain people to get that done. And those people were all of us. Oh sure we got the \$1200 each as promised and the additional unemployment benefits if due but that was just a pittance to keep us happy while the big money people lined their pockets at our expense.



Trout Republic
by Kevin Kirkpatrick

Once again I put my mathematical brain to the test and was able to ascertain that \$1 trillion would be a stack of one dollar bills 68,000 miles high weighing 1 trillion tons. This would make the 30 trillion stack up over 2 million miles tall or eight times as far as it is to the moon. Even my fat pants scale cannot weigh that kind of cash.

And this is just our debt. Add the entire world debt to that amount and you have about \$260 trillion and a stack 17 million miles high.

So Ol' Dutch did some of his own heavy lifting on the brain side and came up with a way to eliminate that debt once and for all. Simply speaking all we have to do is tell those to whom we owe this vast sum that we will deliver it Tuesday next and ask where they would like it stacked.

That will cause a mass panic in their accounting department and if we really want to bring chaos to their coffers, we can even deliver that in pennies like Trixie's wayward relative does every year to pay his property taxes at the Texas county clerk's office where he resides.

I propose that the entire world get on board for my new idea knowing that the greenies will certainly stop this in its tracks as this added weight in one location will make the Earth wobble and cause certain death to all of us.

And with everyone in agreement, we can get that nasty debt canceled and start over on the path of happy borrowing from whoever has more phony-baloney-money to lend 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

The importance of reporting child abuse and neglect

To the editor,
Did you know that approximately 47 states have professionals who are mandated by law to report child abuse and/or neglect or suspicions of child abuse and/or neglect? This commonly includes, but is not limited to, social workers, teachers, and law enforcement officers.

I learned this from childwelfare.gov. We have missed a very startling statistic here. Approximately 47 states should be all 50 states.

"My perception is that it is really important to have mandatory reporters because there is this inherent power imbalance between children and adults," said Merida Zerbi, Assistant District Attorney - 12th Judicial District, Colorado. "The younger the child is, the more vulnerable they are and less able to self-protect. So, mandatory reporters are the safety net that trigger investigations into situations and help to provide assistance to a child— if that's appropriate.

"Because kids can't self-protect, these are the eyes and ears of those kids."

In Colorado, if you are a mandated reporter and you do not report, you could be charged with a Class 3 misdemeanor, sued for liability, issued a fine of \$750, and/or sentenced to six months in the county jail. The smallest members of our community need us to stand up for them.

"One thing that mandated reporters don't sometimes realize is that they're mandated reporters whether they're at work or not," said Shelly Martinez, Forensic Interviewer, Family Advocate and MDT Coordinator at the San Luis Valley Children's Advocacy Center. "If they leave [work] and go to Walmart and they see abuse, they are required by law to report that."

In 2015, a study was released in the publication Community Assessment of the San Luis Valley. It shows that per 1,000 children in the entire state

of Colorado, 8.1 were victims of child abuse and neglect. In the San Luis Valley, it was 20.7 children per 1,000.

"If we approach this as a community and a village and a group of people that actually care and want to protect kids, over reporting is better than under reporting," said Martinez. "If you're waiting on the other person to do it, they might be waiting on you to do it. I think being a mandated reporter is a very big responsibility."

"It's very important. If you are one, you should take that very seriously, and report what you see. Even if nothing happens because of it, you still did the right thing."

You can find more information on mandated reporting at <https://co4kids.org/mandatoryreporting>

Merida Zerbi is speaking from her own experience, and she doesn't represent the position of the District Attorney's Office.

Summer King, AmeriCorps Volunteer, Tu Casa, Inc.

Don't delay receiving health care due to COVID-19 fears

Dear San Luis Valley Community Members,

Please do not let this happen to you or a loved one. Recently our CEO, Konnie Martin, shared a tragic story of a young man who delayed care for his diabetes, which led to his death. The young man was frightened to go to a clinic or hospital for care because he was afraid of getting the coronavirus there. An elderly woman broke her hip and delayed getting care in our ED for four days due to being afraid of the virus. Please do not delay your health care for fear of contracting the virus in our facilities. We are here to care for you, to treat you, to help you heal. If you are experiencing any sort of emergency, do not delay care. We keep COVID patients separate from other sick patients as well as extra deep cleaning procedures that have been put in place.

In order to "flatten the curve" and

prevent the spread of the COVID-19 to health care workers and other patients, we ask that if you are experiencing symptoms such as fever, shortness of breath and coughing that you call a nurse triage line ahead of time before entering our facilities. We have established a phone line (719-589-2511 Press 9) along with a respiratory clinic so that we can wear the appropriate personal protective equipment and keep our staff safe as we triage your illness.

It is crucial that patients receive evaluation for symptoms such as chest pain, abdominal pain, severe headaches, difficulty speaking or stroke symptoms. Life-threatening conditions such as heart attacks, strokes, appendicitis or large wounds—need timely evaluation and treatment. It can be the difference between life and death.

Hospitals are safe, clean and ready to care for patients.

If you would have gone to the ER for a life-threatening condition before COVID-19, you should go now.

Signs of heart attack - include shortness of breath, sweating, chest pain

Signs of stroke - Facial droop, arm weakness, speech difficulties, time to call 9-1-1

Signs of an abdominal emergency (such as appendicitis or a ruptured aortic aneurysm) - Severe pain, vomiting, fevers.

Call 9-1-1 if you have a life-threatening condition. If your condition is not life-threatening, contact your primary care physician or visit an urgent care location.

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Suprise visitor



In April a restored 1965 British BAC 145 Hunting Percival Jet Provost training aircraft made an emergency landing in Saguache County about 10 miles north/northwest of the Center Airport, Saguache County Sheriff Dan Warwick confirmed May 1. The pilot experienced engine failure but safely set the plane down in a field. He then walked to a local rancher's home and contacted the Sheriff's Office. No injuries were reported from the landing. Courtesy photo

SHERIFF

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emotional distress and property losses.

One man reports repeated forays of the same individual onto his property involving harassment and several reported thefts. Another man actually left his property after intimidation and harassment rose to such a level he no longer felt safe in his own home. Other citizens have said they no longer even bother to complain because the incidents have become the "new normal" in Moffat.

One marijuana grow operation in the town has made no secret of the fact they wish to employ former felons in their operations. Another local business publicized the fact they have invited the homeless to reside on their property.

Citizens despair of finding anyone to help them but Warwick says there is little he can do given the way those guilty of misdemeanors are treated under state law. This is especially true since the advent of the COVID-19 crisis, causing those not in jail for serious violations to be released or only cited versus being jailed.

"I understand their frustration," Warwick said. "We do what we can, but we're hamstrung; we are not able to do what we would like to do." New laws allow those arrested on misdemeanors to post personal recognizance bonds and be released, he explained.

If the crime committed does not involve violence of some kind, the offender is presented with a violation and sent to court. "I feel we are doing more than most areas," to address property crime problems, Warwick pointed out. Multiple thefts have been reported throughout the county, he noted.

Locally, burglars seem to have entered into a contest of sorts to see who can steal the most valuable items, Warwick reported. The thefts probably are indirectly drug-related, he agreed.

Throughout the country, Warwick observed, incarceration time "is not what it used to be, even without the virus. This puts honest people in a bad spot. Law enforcement has progressively gotten harder because the state Legislature caters to suspects."

Warwick encourages county residents to take the following steps to build a case that can be prosecuted:

- Gather all supporting evidence to document any criminal activity.
- Set up video cameras to record the activity.
- Take spot photos of any damage/evidence not readily visible on a video camera.
- File complaints with the sheriff's office for every incident.

Warwick also encouraged county residents to complain to their state representatives, the governor's office, to create pushback regarding the laws that allow offenders to escape incarceration and prosecution.

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YOUR NIGHT SKY

MERLOTTE 111

By DARLENE DANKO

The full moon is May 7, but a few days after that it will rise later giving us the ability to observe the night sky in the evening. On April 22 it was too cloudy to observe the Lyrid meteor shower, so I got up at 2 a.m. on the 23rd, and the sky was amazing. I only saw 2 meteors, but the sky was fabulous to look at with all the stars and clusters. Even the Milky Way was visible. I really enjoyed it.

The constellation Coma Berences is just on the right side of the constellation Bootes the Bear where the current brightest star Arcturus is. So it's easy to find

when you look high overhead and find Arcturus. It's a relatively faint constellation which requires a clear dark sky to observe it, which we have. She's an upside down V if you look in the SW. If you look in the South the V will be tilted over a little with the opening a little to the right.

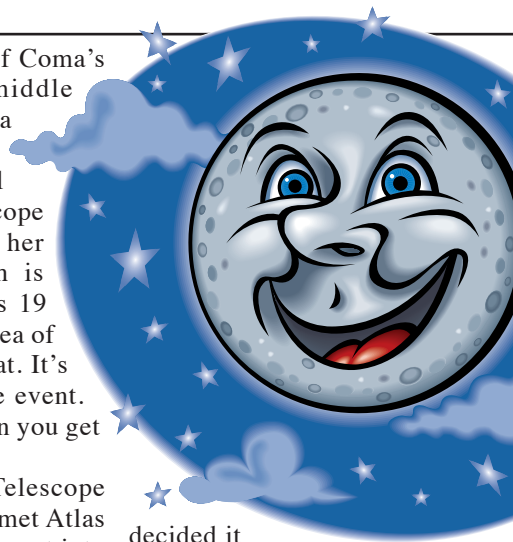
In Greek mythology Bernice was the beautiful queen of Egypt known for her beautiful long hair. When her husband went to war, she asked Aphrodite to protect him so he could return safely. In response she would cut off her hair as a gift to the goddess when he returned. When he returned safely she cut it off and placed it in the temple

where it mysteriously disappeared. They finally found it in the heavens which created the constellation.

Coma Berences is just above Virgo the Virgin, and some of her constellation clusters rise up into Coma. This constellation is 3 stars that make the V, but she also contains a massive star cluster. This is Merlotte 111, which is actually her main feature, and is highly visible to the naked eye. It's a scattered group of relatively faint stars and is one of the closest open star clusters to us. It has a lot more than 20 stars, but at least 20 of them are visible to us unaided. It's at the lower edge of the right side of the V.

M 64 is another one of Coma's objects. It's in the middle of her bottom and is a black eye galaxy. This one does require visual assistance with a telescope or binoculars. This is her brightest galaxy which is tilted at an angle and is 19 million LY away. This area of the sky is great to look at. It's an April, May and June event. So go check her out when you get a chance.

The Hubble Space Telescope has taken pictures of Comet Atlas April 28. It has broken apart into 30 pieces. By mid-March it had brightened so quickly that it was thought it would be a wonderful comet to observe in May. Now it's



decided it doesn't want us to see it. If any of it survives, it will pass by Earth May 23, but it will be small and very dim.

Something aside from Corona Virus...

By SAGUACHE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER TRISH GILBERT

CLIPS FROM THE CLERK

wheel of a sleek limousine or a bulky city bus. In 1903, New York became the first state to issue a motor vehicle license for chauffeurs, also known as "public hacks." Pinned to a coat or hat, these metal badges provided an easy way for drivers to display their certification while operating their vehicle.

While some badges were designed in the form of a state or a decorative crest, many were simply oval or shield-shaped affairs. Most chauffeur licenses indicated the date of issue, the state certified, and the driver's specific identification number.

By the early 1950s, paper licenses had replaced badges, which were

more expensive to produce. The rarest, most collectible chauffeur badges come from smaller states with fewer taxi operators, rather than those with metropolitan hubs like New York or California.

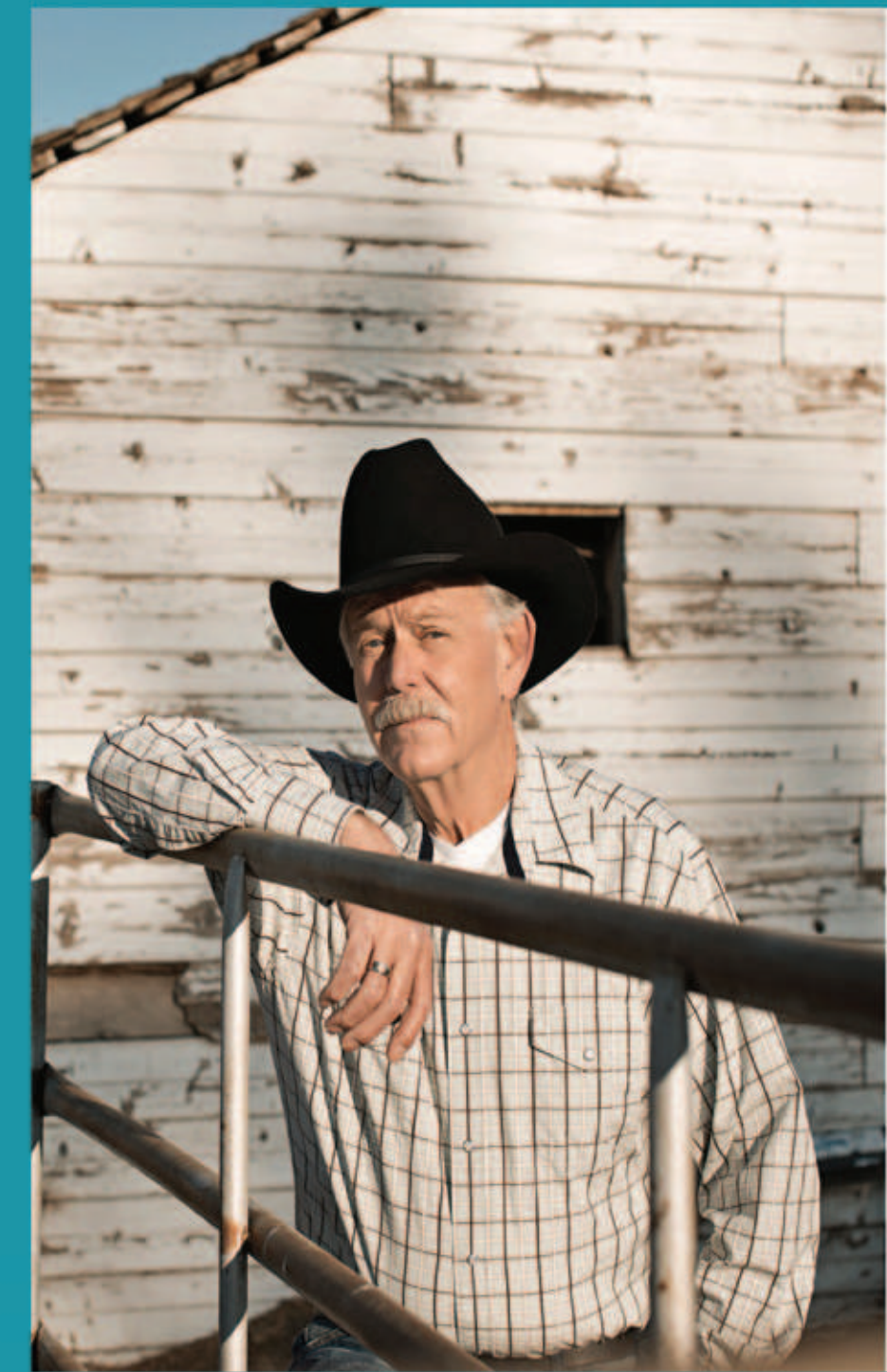
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to comply with the provisions of the Municipal Annexation Act of 1965. Moffat denies its town trustees failed to meet the statutory requirements for annexation of the subject property. Defendants deny the county's request of the court to seek certiorari review of the town trustees' action or to issue a preliminary injunction to prevent any further action by the town related to the annexation, pending final resolution of the case. The town specifically states that the county was initially notified of the proposed annexation on Sept. 18, 2019, received by the County on Sept. 23, 2019 (see minutes of Oct. 2, 2019, county commissioners meeting). Defendant admits that Nov. 5, 2019, the town handdelivered the Annexation Impact Report to the county during a meeting of the county commissioners, (presented as Exhibit 5).

Moffat claims, however, the report was previously provided to the county Oct. 28, 2019. They deny any knowledge of a site visit made by commissioners Nov. 7, 2019. They also deny the annexed property does not meet the requirements of Sec. §31-12-104(1)(a) as to the requirement for contiguousness to the town. Moffat admits County Road 59 has been utilized as a "flagpole," alleging the annexation does meet the contiguity requirements of Section 31-12-104 (1)(a), C.R.S. for

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concentration of homes and businesses in Saguache County. The Crestone/Baca area, Saguache, Center and other residential and commercial properties are the primary sources of revenue for the county. Saguache County receives over 60 percent of its property tax revenue from Crestone/Baca residential and commercial property taxes. Considering this, we would like to see a proportional amount of resources be allocated for housing for a deputy and a more proactive deputy presence in the community funded from this tax base. We have seen a rash of thefts that seem to be increasing as the area is growing. Recently, on the evening of March 22, 2020, there was vandalism done at multiple sites, including at religious retreat centers that form a significant part of Crestone's unique culture, as well as tourist revenue. Just this year we have seen more homes broken into. Earlier this week a speeding car on Camino del Rey endangered a crew from Baca Water and Sanitation working along the road to repair a water leak. There was a theft of an ATV from the Tashi Gomang stupa (which was recovered thanks to citizen activism and the sheriff department's speedy response). There continue to be issues with individuals harassing people innocently walking on the public roads even after the sheriff's contact. Drug use continues to be an issue along with homelessness and illegal camping issues which continue to be a potential problem source. The Crestone/Baca area is referred to by many as "lawless." There is no deputy presence in this area. Upon occasion either the Colorado State Patrol or the Saguache Sheriff's Office will show up to hand out tickets to speeders; that's fine but it seems to be pretty easy pickings. What the community needs is a presence. Even more than a presence is having someone engaged in and part of the community, getting to know the community and vice versa. The criminal element knows that there is no presence of the Sheriff's Office in this community so they feel comfortable to act without fear of apprehension.

annexation. They also state the county was made aware of this aspect of the annexation by reason of the Petition for Annexation and Annexation Map provided to the County Sept. 18, 2019. Moffat also admits County Road 59 was a designated county public road before the annexation but denies any allegation the town lacks sufficient resources to properly maintain that portion of Country Road 59 now annexed into the Town of Moffat. The town further denies it did not provide "a legal basis" for using County Road 59 as a "flagpole" for the annexation, or that it now claims to "own" County Road 59, but states that, as a result of the annexation, the road is within the town limits and has become a part of the defendant's municipal road system. Moffat denies the county's assertion that the use of County Road 59 as a means of meeting the contiguous requirements for the annexation is not in comportment with the statutory requirements for such annexation and challenges the legal authority of the town to utilize this procedure. The response specifically states: "The court is without jurisdiction in this proceeding to consider actions of the Board of County Commissioners at the Board of County Commissioners meetings as such meeting is not part of the official record of the Moffat board of trustees with respect to the

We have attracted the sort of criminal element that now owns property here, dealing hard and soft drugs in the community which may encourage users to take advantage of the lack of law enforcement locally and engage in theft. The county as a whole is growing and a major part of that growth is happening in the Crestone/Baca area. Crime is an increasing problem that often comes along with growth. We need a sheriff presence to ensure the safety of citizens and properties. In the past, the town of Crestone helped to provide housing for a deputy in the town. Recently, there was an attempt to house two deputies in the area and that failed, unfortunately. There is a need to continue to find a solution despite these failures. Locally, a substation for the county sheriff was created and donated next door to the grocery store in Crestone. It has yet to be used. A water connection was also donated by the Baca Water and Sanitation District to facilitate the housing of a deputy in Casita Park. In the fall of 2018, there was a 1.5 percent sales tax increase earmarked for the Sheriff's Office, and many in this area supported the increase in hopes that it would facilitate a solution to the lack of law enforcement. Why has there been no visible benefit to this community? Talk around the community is that the county doesn't care about this area; law enforcement doesn't care about it, suggesting that it's too far to drive to among other things. Suggestions such as, 'let's return to the Old West and let the community deal with meth users and dealers that we know live in our area, burn down the house and run them out of town' have been heard. Last week, in conversation, a suggestion was made that the county could deputize retired community members with previous law enforcement experience, giving them the power to arrest to help put an end to the lawlessness here. This community is unique and quite diverse in its demographic and tends to be a very open and forgiving community with many acts of kindness toward those in need. This is something we who live here appreciate.

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We are asking the Saguache County Commission to engage with the Sheriff's Department, Baca Grande POA, the city of Crestone, and the Crestone/Baca community to develop a plan to address this issue of the lack of security and presence of law enforcement.

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for any reason other than a failure to comply with the provisions of the Colorado Annexation Law. The town maintains the court's subject matter jurisdiction in this case "is limited only to a review of the record presented to the Moffat board of trustees in conjunction with the annexation." The town claims it has fully complied with all procedural requirements of the Municipal Annexation Act of 1965 and the property described as the Potch No. 3 Annexation is eligible for annexation to the Town of Moffat under the Act.

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MONTE VISTA - Our local growers and shippers continually support and supply our community food banks with fresh potatoes. We're proud of their constant assistance in ensuring there are always fresh potatoes available. Due to Covid-19 increasing community needs, CPAC, representing approximately 150 growers and 15 warehouses has also made monetary donations totaling \$5,000 to the following food banks, to assist with other needs: Monte Vista Food Bank, Saguache County Food Banks (2), and La Puente

Food of the SLV. The Monte Vista Food Bank serves all of Rio Grande County. They have had an influx of patrons. Jennifer Becker, Food Bank Director stated that they have served 225 people in last two months during this pandemic. She is grateful for the opportunity to stock their pantry with non-perishable items such as, peanut butter, cereal and canned goods. Jennifer thanked the local growers and shippers for their generous donations of fresh potatoes and their continued support.

Lyndsey Williams with La Puente Food Bank of the SLV said that their 15 food pantries served 3,541 individuals throughout the 6 counties in the SLV in the month of March, which is a 20 percent increase from last year. The La Puente Food Bank also has a Food Rescue Program; where they work closely with Walmart, Loaf n' Jug, Little Caesar's and Starbucks. Through this program they are able to take surplus perishable items and serve them to their consumers. They rescue roughly 100,000 lbs. of food through this

program annually. Saguache County is comprised of roughly 6,800 residents. Through the Saguache County Food Banks and their affiliated programs, they serve an average of 50-60 people per month, plus an average of 300 people through t h e community.

distribution of commodities. They work closely with South Central Seniors, to deliver food to senior citizens. The Colorado Potato Industry is honored to assist our neighbors during this time. We're pleased to be doing our part to support our wonderful



TEACHERS

Continued from Page 1A — Matter or give a shout out to a teacher who has made a difference in your life. Every year Colorado recognizes an exemplary teacher as the state's Teacher of the Year. Meg Cypress, a fifth-grade teacher at Bradley International School in Denver Public Schools, was named the 2019 Colorado Teacher of the Year in October. To see Meg's story, go to <http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdecomm/20190506tawnews> release.

Do you know an outstanding teacher? Say "Thank You" during Colorado Teacher Appreciation Week and nominate them for the 2020 Colorado Teacher of the Year Award. Visit the Teacher Appreciation Week webpage for more information and a full list of resources.

Colorado teachers have gone to extraordinary lengths to swiftly transition to supporting their students' learning at home.

Teacher Appreciation Week is the perfect time to thank teachers for their tremendous dedication, creativity and problem solving during the pandemic. CDE invites parents and students to participate and give thanks to Colorado's deserving teachers!

Share a post, image or video with a sign thanking a teacher on any social media site using the hashtag #ThankATeacherCO. To help districts and schools celebrate this week, we've created a number of resources to spread the word in schools, with administrators, parents and local communities at <http://www.cde.state.co.us/communications/thankateacherco>

Please take some time to give thanks to the Valley's amazing teachers! Center Schools has posted teacher and school tribute pages at: <https://plus.smilebox.com/play?g=19b0640a-4595-4167-9a2c-bb3c83e6c6cb&sbid=3466> and <https://www.center.k12.co.us/files/user/2/file/19-20/remotel-learning/VikingStrong.mp4>



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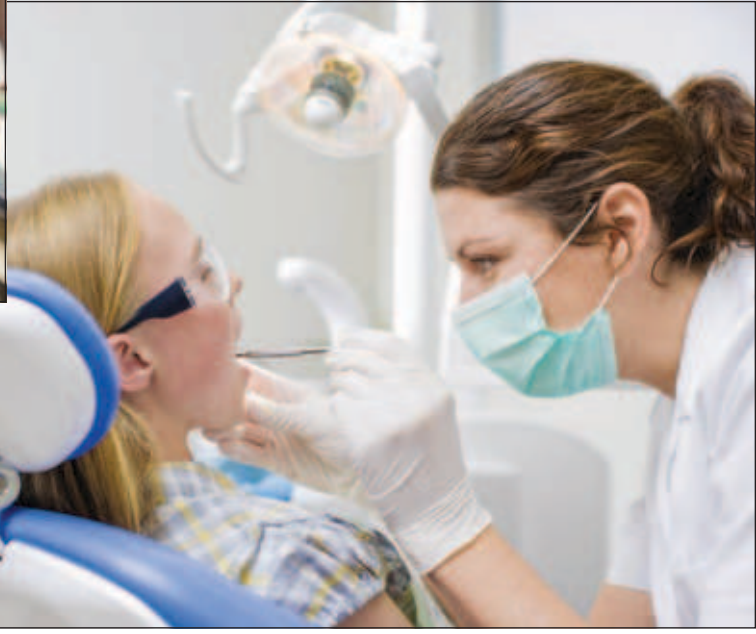


COLORADO – Colorado has been doing a great job following the Stay-at-Home order, and we must keep it up. The virus is still present in Colorado and can re-surge at any time. Retail personal and medical services are open while implementing best safe practices and health department guidelines. Non-critical offices and businesses are now reopened while implementing best practices and a 50 percent or lower than normal workplace employee density.

Everyone needs to do their part for themselves, their loved ones, and our community. We have a responsibility to ourselves and to each other to protect our state and our community. Right now, we are in Level 2: Safer at Home. Coloradans are no longer ordered to stay home but are strongly advised to stay at home.

Colorado officials are reminding people not to go to the mountains if they live along the Front Range and to keep their recreation within 10 miles of home as much of the state enters the safer at home phase and the weather begins to warm.

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The Cowboy Ball

In the midst of Covid-19, one of the deepest psychosies' is loneliness. "Social distance," sliding take-out tacos under the door, being served pizza across the counter like a Frisbee, having to carry a measuring tape and whip it out like Marshall Dillon to confirm 6 feet every time some masked stranger comes your way...all to prevent civil discourse and staying friends. IT IS DEPRESSING. Those of you historians familiar with the pioneers who came west know they often found themselves in the lonely isolation that some of us are feeling today. Yet we RISE TO THE OCCASION, BRAVE AND INSPIRED TO MAKE THE BEST OF IT.

Blue lonesome is dang hard to handle
Especially out where the road ends
So any excuse for a party
Is welcome, and bound to make friends.
Once, a pilgrim seekin' some solace

Staked a claim a long way from town.
He'd come from the itch of the city
And in six months he'd settled down.

He built himself a small cabin
He sat on the porch one fine day
When he saw a rider approaching.
He saw him from miles away.

The rider said he was up country
And rarely came this way at all
But he thought he'd be a good neighbor
By throwin' a cowboy ball!

The pilgrim inspected this stranger
Who never got down from his horse.
He looked like he needed a dentist,
His manner was rugged and coarse.

But lonesome can pray on a body
And the stranger sounded sincere
"We can dance all night if we want to,

Play music and toast the Frontier!

We'll eat and we'll drink and be merry,
I've whiskey enough for us all...
So whattya say, are ya willin'
To come to a cowboy ball?"

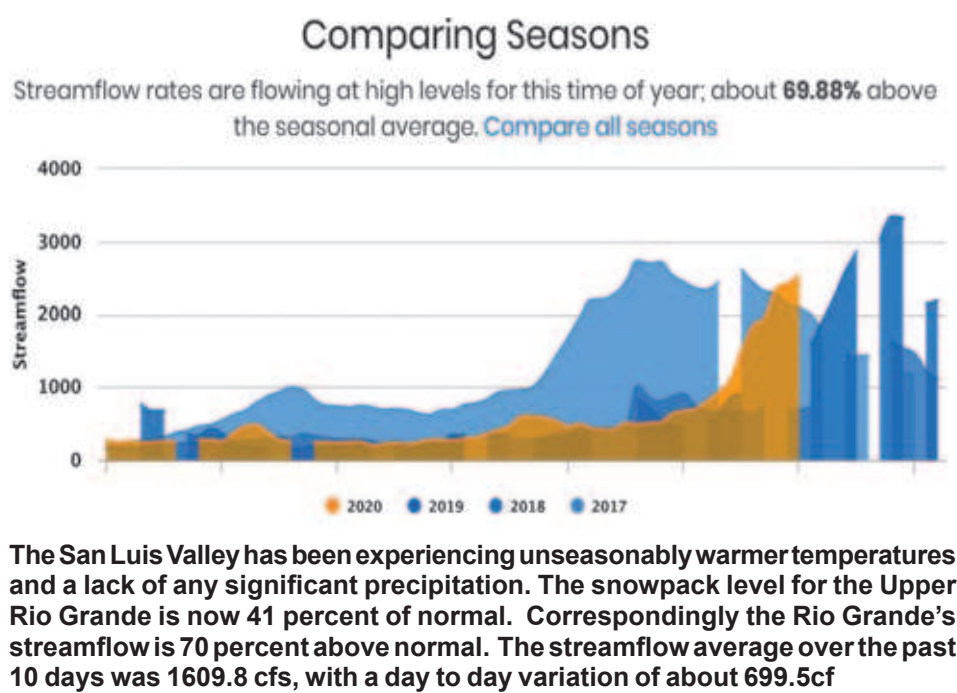
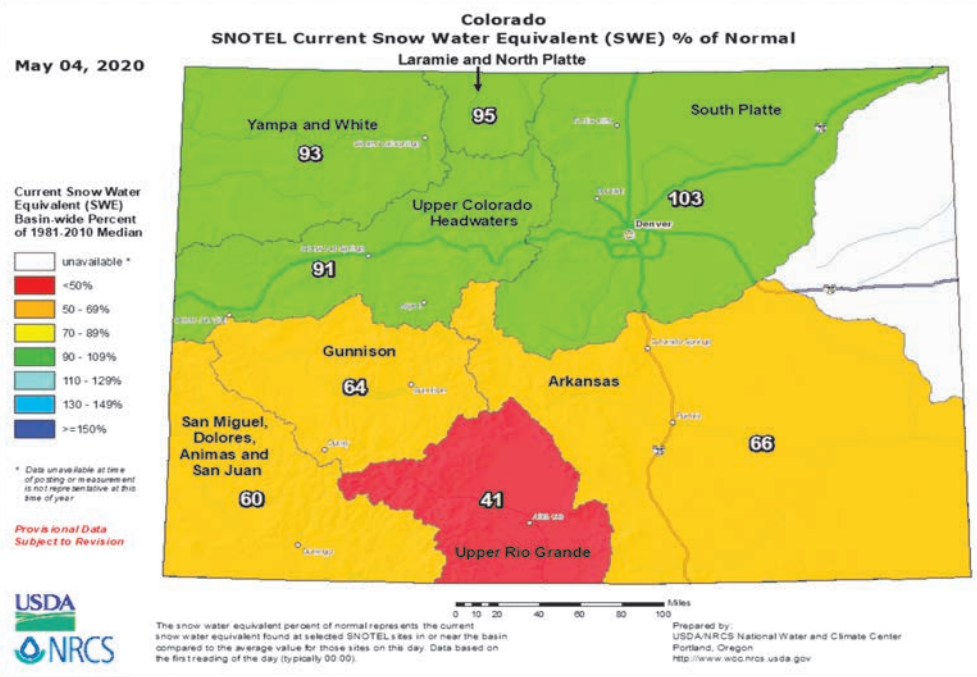
The pilgrim was mullin' it over,
"Ya say they'll be whiskey and dance?
And maybe a kiss in the moonlight?"
The stranger said, "Yeah, there's a chance."

"So what should I wear?" asked the pilgrim,
"It sounds like a pretty good do."
The stranger said, "Heck, it don't matter,
'Cause, Pilgrim, it's just me and you!"

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



A highly contagious and fatal disease of rabbits detected

COSTILLA COUNTY – A highly contagious and fatal disease of rabbits and hares has been detected for the first time in Colorado. Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) and the Colorado Department of Agriculture (CDA) report that Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease Virus type 2 (RHDV-2) was confirmed late last week in three wild cottontail rabbits approximately 10 miles southeast of Alamosa in Costilla County, Colorado. RHDV-2 does NOT affect humans or domestic species other than rabbits, but is highly contagious and lethal among rabbits.

Do not handle or consume rabbits or other game animals that appear to be sick. Instead, report these cases to the nearest CPW office.



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Meat from healthy rabbits harvested by hunters is safe to consume when cooked thoroughly.

Guidelines for Domestic Rabbits
Rabbit owners should exercise extreme caution and biosecurity to avoid accidental exposure of domestic rabbits through contaminated feed, bedding, equipment, or clothing that may have come in contact from infected wild rabbits or birds that could transfer the virus from infected wild rabbits.

housed outdoors in areas where rabbit hemorrhagic disease has been detected in wild rabbits.

Contact your veterinarian for more information about this disease in domestic rabbits.

RHDV-2 is considered a foreign animal disease and is of high concern at the state and federal levels. Until recently, RHDV-2 was not considered a virus that would infect North American cottontails or hares; however, cases have now been reported in New Mexico, Arizona, and Texas. After these reports in other Western states, CPW and CDA increased efforts to raise awareness of the potential for this disease in Colorado.

Domestic rabbits should not be

CPW collected carcasses for testing after a report of dead wild rabbits in Costilla County on April 13 and submitted them to the CPW wildlife health laboratory for necropsy. Testing conducted by the USDA Foreign Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory was reported as positive for RHDV- 2 April 17, 2020. Recent unusual mortalities in Colorado wild rabbits have only been reported in Costilla County to date, but CPW is requesting public assistance in identifying additional mortality events.

This virus has had significant impacts on domestic rabbits as well as wild rabbits and species that prey upon them in Europe. However, multiple dead or sick rabbits can also be a sign of tularemia or plague, diseases that can cause serious illness in people. Do not handle or consume sick or dead wildlife, and do not allow pets to contact or consume wildlife carcasses. RHDV-2 is from a different viral family than coronavirus and is not related to COVID-19.

Guidelines for Wild Cottontails, Hares and Pika

Please report any sick/dead wild rabbits, hares or pika to your local CPW office.

Do not handle rabbits or rodents that have been found dead.

Do not allow pets or scavengers to feed on found carcasses. Though RHDV-2 is not a risk to pets other than domestic rabbits, a number of other pathogens and parasites from carcasses can affect pets.

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Community Foundation of the SLV grants \$24,500 to nonprofits

SAN LUIS VALLEY - The Community Foundation of the San Luis Valley in partnership with the First Southwest Community Fund created the SLV Response Fund to help local nonprofits in their efforts to serve the most vulnerable communities affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. First Southwest Community Fund provided \$7,500 in matching funds through their Emergency Micro-Grant program enabling a total of \$24,500 to be distributed.

San Luis Valley nonprofits, along with the broader SLV community, have been hard hit by the COVID-19 pandemic. From laying off staff, to increasing demand for services, and serving the most vulnerable communities, SLV nonprofits are on the front lines of the pandemic.

Applications were scored by a panel of community representatives. Funding was based on serving a critical need and serving the most vulnerable communities. Organizations funded are located in Alamosa, Antonito, Creede, Crestone, Del Norte and San Luis. They serve all six counties of the San Luis Valley. Thank you to other supporters of the SLV Response Fund including the Anderson Family Foundation and the King Foundation.

Organizations who will receive funding from the SLV Response Fund are:

- **San Luis Valley Immigrant Resource Center \$2,500**

The organization has seen an increase in clients needing food, rent and utility assistance. Most immigrant workers lost their jobs or saw their hours decreased.

- **Boys & Girls Club of the San Luis Valley \$2,500**

The Boys & Girls Club is serving as a provisionally licensed emergency child care center for school-aged youth.

- **La Puente \$2,500**

The organization will serve people who have difficulty cooking for themselves, people who do not have sufficient food at home, and those who are homeless and unsheltered.

- **San Luis Valley Local Foods Coalition \$2,500**

The organization is working with statewide and local partners to create response and relief to essential food value chains from seed, farmer, distribution, retail, prepared food, food banks and schools.

- **Creede Early Learning Center \$2,500**

CELCE is providing remote learning opportunities, as well as putting together resource packets and household items such as food and diapers



to keep education and discovery going, and ease some of the stress at home.

- **San Luis Valley Animal Welfare Society \$2,500**

The shelter is filled to capacity with rescued homeless dogs because they are being abandoned and many are being surrendered because owners cannot afford to feed them.

- **Rio Grande Hospital & Clinics \$2,500**

RGHC is a health care provider and critical access hospital. They have incurred unexpected expenses

with having to set up a COVID-19 specific area, masks, supplies and other essentials.

- **South Central Colorado Seniors \$2,500**

Through their Nutrition Program, with nine meal sites valley-wide, SCCS continues to deliver meals five-days-per-week. Nutrition staff is making it possible to feed seniors and validate that they are safe.

- **Antonito Together \$1,500**

The organization is expanding the Meals on Wheels program to seniors on the waiting list to ensure that

vulnerable seniors are able to get the meals and nutrition they need.

- **Neighbors Helping Neighbors \$1,500**

Neighbors Helping Neighbors will directly pay bills to the company for people in crisis to catch them up from overdue payments and help prevent services from being cut off.

- **Community Resources & Housing Development \$1,500**

CRHDC will provide emergency rental and utility assistance to low-income families throughout the valley.

For more information or to find out how you can help these or other SLV nonprofits during this tough time, please contact the Community Foundation of the San Luis Valley at 719.679.2970 or CFSLV123@gmail.com.

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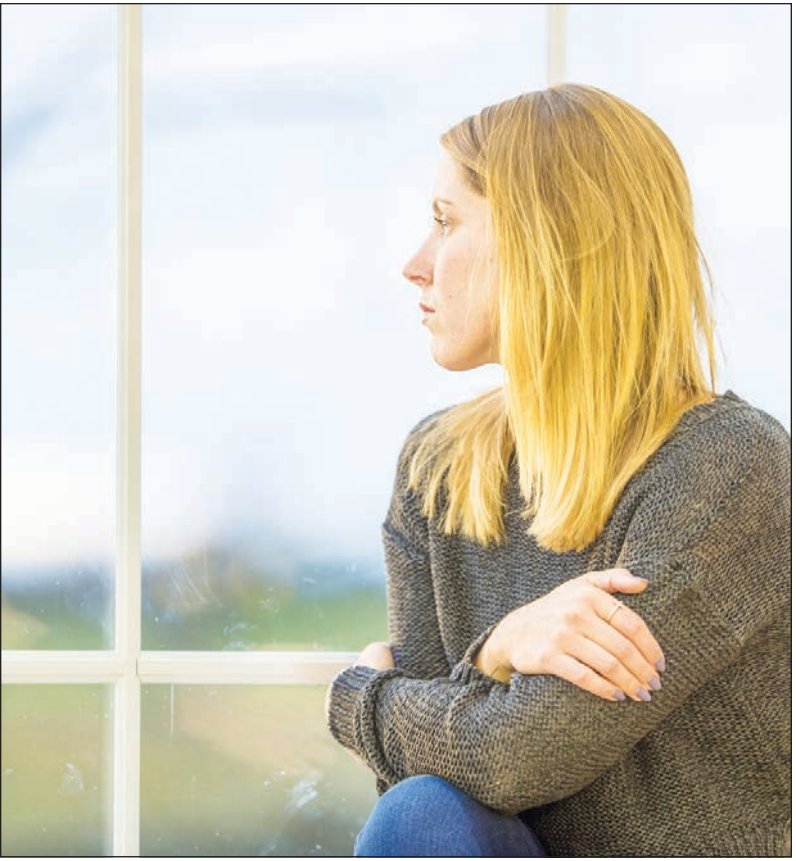
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Colorado Division of Insurance launches new resource

Mental / Behavioral Health and Insurance

COLORADO - May is Mental Health Awareness Month and the Colorado Division of Insurance (DOI), part of the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA), is kicking off a monthlong campaign to educate people about mental and behavioral health parity.

In conjunction with this campaign, the DOI is highlighting its new online resource https://www.Colorado.gov/pacific/dora/mental-behavioral-health-and-insurance?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery This site is a resource for Coloradans who run into health insurance roadblocks in accessing mental / behavioral health services or having those services limited in some way by their insurance companies.

“Mental and behavioral health is always key to people’s well-being,” said Colorado Insurance Commissioner Michael Conway. “But currently that need is heightened by what we’re experiencing during the COVID-19 emergency. Economic and employment concerns, worries about how the virus could impact one’s family and friends and a general sense of anxiety each time we read the news all reinforce the importance of mental and behavioral health services in the coming weeks, months and years.”

Mental Health Parity
The https://www.Colorado.gov/pacific/dora/mental-behavioral-health-and-insurance?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery is particularly focused on parity in mental / behavioral health services. What does parity mean? Federal and Colorado State parity laws prohibit health insurance plans from being more restrictive in providing mental health, behavioral health, and substance use disorder benefits than they would be for medical and surgical benefits. Parity is about equal and fair treatment for people who need mental

and behavioral health care.

The site has six sections to help consumers understand their rights under health insurance parity laws, know when those rights may have been violated and where to turn for help and assistance when that happens.

What is Mental Health Parity?

Is your health insurance required to provide Mental Health Parity?

How is Mental Health Parity enforced?

Red Flags for Potential Parity Violations

Have you been unfairly denied mental / behavioral health benefits?

Additional Resources

Mental Health Awareness Month

Throughout May, the Division will focus on specific aspects of the intersection of mental / behavioral health and insurance in its messaging through DORA’s Facebook and Twitter accounts. We will also highlight various Colorado partners and resources working on improving access to mental / behavioral health. Please share, comment or ask questions as those messages appear throughout the month.

Week of May 4 - Telehealth and Mental / Behavioral Health

Week of May 11- Is your insurance required to provide mental health parity? / How is mental health parity enforced?

Week of May 18 - Red flags for parity violations / Have you been unfairly denied mental / behavioral health benefits?

Week of May 25 - Additional Resources

Added Commissioner Conway, “Through our new website, this campaign and our work with partners, we want people to develop a better understanding of how mental and behavioral health services should be treated by their health insurance under Colorado and Federal law.”

Contact the Colorado Division of Insurance if you have questions about your health insurance, its mental / behavioral health care coverage or you want to file a complaint - 303-894-7490 / 800-930-3745 / DORA_Insurance@state.co.us - or visit the “Ask a Question / File a Complaint” page of the DOI’s website.

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Covid-19 impact on potato crop substantial

By TERESA L. BENNS

SAN LUIS VALLEY — Covid-19 is dramatically affecting the agricultural industry and consumers could see fluctuations in available commodities for months to come, Colorado Potato Administrative director Jim Ehrlich said Tuesday.

Ehrlich cites water concerns and the growing market uncertainty following the Covid-19 mandated shutdowns as the primary reasons Valley farmers may be reducing crop size or not growing at all this year. Potato processors in Idaho, Washington, North Dakota and Wisconsin have canceled contracts with farmers because schools and restaurants are not purchasing the processed products. This has turned the entire industry upside down, Ehrlich said.

As for the Valley's potato crop, "I am concerned acreage will be down this year because of this [market uncertainty]," Ehrlich said, noting that it may be a hard decision for farmers given the market whether to plant or not. "If farmers don't plant, they have no income but no expenses either," he pointed out. "Farmers are used to risk, but this is crazy risk." And the virus crisis is affecting all agriculture sectors, not just potatoes, he added.

Regarding the water situation, "It doesn't look like it will be a banner runoff like 2019," Pat McDermott, a longtime staff engineer with the Division of Water Resources said in an email Monday. "I think we are generally looking at runoff being only two-thirds of the long-term average."

"There are places in the basin that are better (Saguache Creek) and worse (Rio San Antonio). The southern part of Colorado is drying up and runoff has started early. The northern part of the state, as expected, looks to be in good snow condition."

The potato dilemma is further explained in the following articles Ehrlich forwarded from the USDA and the AcuitasAg site.

Processing and crop planning issues

According to an article by Acuitasag at <https://www.acuitasag.com/news/2020/04/why-are-farmers-dumping-commodities-when-grocery-store-shelves-are-empty/>, most consumers have no idea how the food supply chain operates and how complex the relationship is between producer, processor and buyer. And disruptions now could result in shortages later.

"The food supply chain beyond the farm is incredibly capital intensive. Every type of food we have available to us requires a specialized supply chain and economies of scale to perform the way it performs."

"Processed foods add more complexity. We'll use french fries as an example. McDonald's has incredibly stringent requirements for what ends up being called a McDonald's french fry. Only certain potato varieties are acceptable, and entire processing plants are tooled to create only that french fry."

"Thousands of acres of potatoes are planted, grown, and harvested specifically to become McDonald's french fries. The potatoes are stored, sometimes for nine or 10 months, before being delivered to the plants where the potatoes are washed, sliced and flash-fried a particular way to produce those fries, and then they are packaged for delivery to the restaurants—usually in 25 or 50-pound boxes."

"You can't buy a McDonald's french fry in the frozen food section of the grocery store regardless of how it is packaged, and even if you could, who is going to buy a 50-pound box? processor partners) face difficult decisions."

"Thousands of acres of vegetables and fruits are not being planted or are being tilled up because there's no one to buy the product from the farmer. French fry processors are cutting contract acres for the 2020 season by 20-25 percent. Those are huge cuts, and we won't have a chance to replace those acres until 2021... These types of cuts could result in food shortages in coming months."

USDA assistance not enough

The USDA reports: "Thus, as the country eventually returns to normal, everyday business, the question remains: how quickly will consumers return to business as usual? This is a key question faced by growers and processors who have decided or are now deciding how many acres to plant or contract."

"If demand is slow to return, the industry may see excessive shrink or diversion to feed, an extended overlap between old crop and new crop, overstocked freezers and warehouses, and idled processing facilities. As there is no easily applied precedent here (on which to base forecasts), and seed and inputs were already ordered and/or received, growers (and their

Regarding a \$2.7 billion in financial support announced April 17 by the Department of Agriculture to assist

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13. Chinese word signifying "doctrine"
14. Prefix meaning "beside"
15. Act of imitating
16. Tall, rounded vase
17. Sixth month of Jewish civil calendar
18. Rural Iranian village
20. Time zone
21. Military weapon (abbr.)
22. Gets rid of
25. Aggressive
30. Addressed one's appearance
31. Affirmative
32. Denoting Indo-European languages
33. French noble family
38. Shock therapy
41. Having characteristics of both sexes
43. Large suitcase
45. One who identifies God with the universe
48. Swiss river
49. Frequently
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37. Romanian monetary unit
3. Evergreen trees and shrubs
39. People treated as a group
4. Meat from a domestic hog
40. Small European plant
5. State of insensibility
41. First responder group
6. Herb
42. A person's head
7. Annuity
44. Giggle
8. San Diego-based ballplayer
45. Bura-__: Chadic language
9. Members of a Semitic people
46. Snout moth genus
10. Any physical damage
47. Body part
12. Woolen rug
48. Inspirational Wimbledon champ
14. Alsos Mission leader
51. Revolutions per minute
19. Aromatic plant used as culinary herb
52. American software developer
23. Where you sleep
53. Ancient Greek city
24. Ruled Russia
54. Female sheep
58. "The Science Guy"

Solution to last week's puzzle

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SkyWest Airline could be next for SLV Regional Airport

By **KEITH R. CERNY**

ALAMOSA— Well known commercial airline SkyWest, who code-shares with United Airlines, could be the future carrier serving the San Luis Valley Regional Airport.

Members of the airport advisory board voted unanimously Wednesday to make that recommendation to the board of county commissioners over current provider Boutique Air and Denver Air Connection. The commissioners will hold a special meeting Monday, May 4 at 2 p.m. to make the final recommendation to the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) by May 6.

All three airlines applied through the DOT to provide Essential Air Service (EAS) to the Alamosa airport for a new term beginning Oct. 1, 2020. Boutique Air is the current EAS provider here.

The DOT subsidizes EAS air carriers to provide commercial service to rural areas distanced from a major airport.

Advisory board members and Airport Manager Will Hickman listed future growth of enplanements, direct connections including baggage to major airlines in Denver and a promise of \$20,000 in annual marketing efforts as reasons to choose SkyWest. Economic and tourism growth were also cited.

“You can’t beat SkyWest if you’re going past Denver,” said board member Anna Torello. “They have a strong history of customer service and operations.”

Vice Chairman Randy Wright, conducting the meeting in the excused absence of Chairwoman Donna Wehe, said the airline’s connections with United is the biggest plus. “If our airport is going to grow, SkyWest is the way to go,” Wright said.

Advisory board member Andrew Hartman added, “Having the branding of United puts us on a whole new map.”

Based in St. George, Utah, SkyWest operates in partnership with Alaska Airlines, American Airlines and Delta Air Lines in addition to United.

According to its EAS proposal for SLV Regional, SkyWest has a fleet of 484 aircraft and has been connecting small communities to the national transportation system for 47 years. Employing over 13,000 aviation professionals, the airline operates about 2,400 daily flights to 258 destinations across North America.

SkyWest typically operates with the 50-seat CRJ-200, “a quiet and modern twinjet that is both safe and fast.” All CRJ-200 aircraft are serviced by a flight attendant and each plane features a restroom.

In the airline’s proposal to Alamosa, it is stated that “SkyWest 50-seat jets provide the best opportunity for passenger growth. Passengers also benefit greatly from seamless connectivity to one of the largest global airlines in the world.”

Enplanement growth, meaning the number of passengers using the airport, is crucial to future funding for SLV Regional. Once a plateau of 10,000 annual enplanements is reached the airport is eligible for up to \$1 million annually in Federal Aviation Administration funding for physical improvements, according to Hickman.

The advisory board heard estimates during Wednesday’s meeting that 2019 enplanements here may have nearly reached or exceeded 9000.

It was said that confirmed verbal reports indicate 9,137 enplanements last year, but that figure includes 1,248 enplanements which are still waiting to be confirmed.

Of that total, 7,616 were attributed to Boutique Air and 273 by two small medical flight services.

Reports are also still being gathered from other private commercial operators.

Advisory board members were somewhat critical of Boutique’s reliability during its tenure as the EAS



Courtesy photo captured from SkyWest Airlines application to provide EAS to SLV Regional Airport in Alamosa.

operator here, citing flight delays and cancellations some of which can be blamed on the Valley’s climate.

Wright said they still may be the “safe way to go,” but not if the airport wants to see growth.

Denver Air Connection (DAC), operated by Key Lime Air, was criticized for the small size of its fleet of aircraft and a lack of experience with passenger customer service. Board members did feel that DAC could also help with enplanement growth.

Both SkyWest and DAC proposed 12 roundtrip flights between Alamosa and DIA weekly, considerably less than the current schedule by Boutique.

However, all felt the other benefits with SkyWest outweighed the number of flights to be offered.

County Administrator Gigi Dennis said she has lost confidence in Boutique’s reliability and the potential for growth in tourism and other economic development is huge with an airline like SkyWest. She added that it would certainly benefit potential airline users Adams State University and the local healthcare community.

Dennis also said the commissioners’ recommendation to the DOT will not guarantee their selection of SkyWest and encouraged community support for the choice.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission bans wildlife contests

COLORADO - With a vote of 8 - 3, the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission approved a ban on organized wildlife contests during its virtual meeting today. The decision prohibits contests for black-tailed, white-tailed and Gunnison’s prairie dogs, Wyoming (Richardson’s) ground squirrels and all furbearer species. The estimated effective date of this ban is June 30, 2020.

Today’s motion was the result of a process that began at the November 2019 Commission meeting in Wray, CO when the Commission directed Colorado Parks and Wildlife staff to provide information about how other state wildlife agencies regulated such contests. Wildlife contests are privately organized competitive contests where participants

compete for cash or other prizes for taking animals in a specified location during a specified time period, often to alleviate damage caused by the animals. In a related action, the Commission denied a citizen petition that was submitted after the

Commissions’ decision to consider changes to contest regulations. The petition similarly sought to ban contests, but the proposal contained conflicting regulatory language that would have been difficult for people to understand.

Colorado already has a partial statutory ban on wildlife contests. Colorado Revised Statute C.R.S. 33-6-118 prohibits contests for big game. Commission regulation prior to today’s action imposed restrictions on wildlife contests for small game and furbearers in addition to the statutory

big game contest prohibition. Today’s action further restricts contests for small game and furbearers. An analysis by CPW staff found that five other states currently have some form of a ban on wildlife killing contests:

- Arizona: banned predator and furbearer killing contests in 2019
- California: banned predator and furbearer killing contests in 2014
- Massachusetts: banned predator and furbearer killing contests in 2019

New Mexico: banned coyote killing contests in 2019

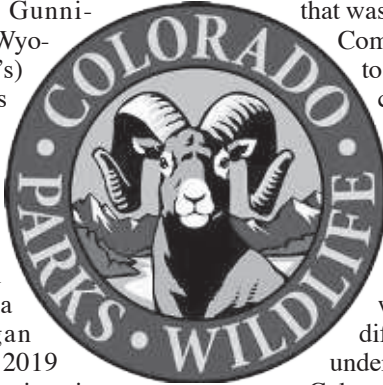
Vermont: banned coyote killing contests in 2018

In addition to Colorado, partial bans exist in Idaho, Montana, North Carolina, Utah and Washington. This ban does not apply to lawful hunting of predators or fur-bearing animals.

“We are committed to sound wildlife management in Colorado, and we always strive to review wildlife-related issues,” said CPW

Director Dan Prenzl. “We studied the issue over the past several months and staff brought forward a thorough recommendation for the Commission to consider, culminating in today’s decision.”

“I believe we’re still leaving the opportunity for private landowners to manage their properties,” said Commissioner Marvin McDaniel. “At the same time, I believe that for these hunting contests, the staff recommendation [to ban] is a good one.”



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To almost 4 million women living with Alzheimer's: Happy Mother's Day

When we gather – whether in-person or virtually – May 10 to celebrate Mother's Day, give a special prayer for the nearly 4 million women across the United States living with a unique challenge: Alzheimer's disease.

In Colorado alone, 76,000 people – about 50,000 of them women – are living with Alzheimer's, the last major disease without a prevention, treatment or cure.

The Alzheimer's Association has a number of tips that will help families celebrate Mother's Day with their loved one, whether they are living with family or under quarantine in an assisted living facility:

Take a person-centered approach. Focus on what is enjoyable for the person with Alzheimer's, such as looking at family pictures or enjoying the person's favorite food. If they get overwhelmed in large groups, a small, quiet gathering may be preferable.

Keep it simple. If you are caring for mom at home, consider a celebration over lunch or brunch. Perhaps have food delivered by a local restaurant.

Join in. If the person with Alzheimer's lives in a care facility and quarantine guidelines are in place, you can still connect using Skype, FaceTime or a telephone. If you can see her through the window, pay a visit and bring flowers.

Don't overdo it. Sticking to the person's normal routine will help keep the day from becoming disruptive or confusing. Depending on the person's stamina, plan time for breaks so the person can rest in a quiet area.

Adapt gift giving. Encourage safe and useful gifts for the person with Alzheimer's. If someone asks for gift ideas, suggest items the person with dementia needs or can easily enjoy. Ideas include: an identification bracelet, CDs of favorite music, comfortable clothing, favorite foods and photo albums of family and friends.

Find support. Learn more about Alzheimer's in the Alzheimer's and Dementia Caregiver Center at www.alz.org/care. There you can also find more tips on supporting a family member with Alzheimer's, join the ALZConnected online community, and find more information about the programs and services offered through the Alzheimer's Association – all at no charge – including the free 24/7 help line: 800-272-3900.

Women and Alzheimer's disease
Women are at the epicenter of the Alzheimer's crisis. About 13 million women in the U.S. are either living with Alzheimer's or caring for someone who has it.

Women in their 60s are more than twice as likely to develop Alzheimer's over the course of their lifetime as they are to develop breast cancer.

The risk for women developing Alzheimer's is 1 in 5, versus 1 in 11 for breast cancer.

Because of caregiving duties, women are likely to experience adverse consequences in the workplace.

Nearly 19 percent of women Alzheimer's caregivers had to quit work either to become a caregiver or because

their caregiving duties became too burdensome.

Alzheimer's Association
The Alzheimer's Association of Colorado is the premier source of information and support for the more than 76,000 Coloradans with Alzheimer's disease, their families and caregivers. The Alzheimer's Association offers education, counseling, support groups and a 24-hour help line at no charge to families. In addition, contributions help fund advancements in research to prevent, treat and eventually conquer this disease. The Alzheimer's Association advocates for those living with Alzheimer's and their families on related legislative issues, and with health and long-term care providers. For information call the Alzheimer's Association 24/7 bilingual help line at 800-272-3900 or visit www.alz.org.

South Fork plans to continue annual events this summer

By LYNDIE FERRELL

SOUTH FORK- With statewide social distancing restrictions being lessened through a strategic approach to reopen Colorado for tourism, communities like South Fork are anticipating a relatively normal summer season and as long as things go to plan, will be hosting some of their more popular activities throughout the summer.

To begin, the Friends of South Fork are eager to kick off their third annual town wide yard sale and trash cleanup day which is tentatively scheduled for the beginning of June. This event has really gained popularity throughout the Valley bringing people from all over to enjoy a day of yard sales in the South Fork area. The event also gives residents and business owners a chance to clean up their yards, homes and businesses for the coming tourism season. The town typically offers two to three dumpsters at the South Fork Visitor Center to dispose of junk and yard trimmings.

Full details, dates and time for this event are still in the works but anyone wanting to participate by hosting a yard sale can message the Friends of South Fork with their name, phone number and address through their Facebook page. Participating homes will be added to a map that will be passed out to guests who come to



the area to shop. One person's junk is always another person's treasure, as the saying goes!

Next the town will be working with the local Colorado Parks and Wildlife to host their annual Youth Fishing Clinic up at Tucker Ponds. This event is very popular but both entities involved feel that the event can be safely done while adhering to state orders, which will be determined in June when the event takes place.

On June 20 children can come to learn the fundamentals of casting, hook, line and sinker as well as CPW fishing rules, regulations and all about the local species of fish and other aquatic life. South Fork Visitor

Center Director Mark Teders is usually on hand to teach everything a child needs to know about knots and each participating child will receive a free fishing rod, if they need one, from CPW. It is a wonderful opportunity for children to come out, enjoy some fresh air and have a chance to catch a fish!

As long as everything goes to plan, the town is still planning their annual 3rd of July celebrations including their regularly scheduled parade and the Logger Days Festival later in July. All updated details about coming events can be found on the South Fork website at www.southfork.org.

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Senior Lifestyles

How illnesses are stopped from spreading in nursing homes

Millions of elderly and incapacitated individuals find long-term care facilities are the safest places to reside and receive both medical care and assistance with daily living requirements. Nursing homes aim to keep residents safe and healthy, and in order to do so important precautions need to be taken not only by staff members, but by friends and family who visit their loved ones in nursing home facilities.

Infectious diseases can spread easily through nursing homes if visitors are not careful. Age and compromised immune systems which are common among many people who

live in long-term care facilities, elevate residents' risk for disease. A nursing home outside of Seattle was the site of one of first cases of COVID-19 on American soil. As of early March 2020, thirteen residents of the facility contracted and died from COVID-19, an additional 11 deaths were being investigated but had not yet been attributed to the novel virus that dominated headlines.

In many nursing homes, residents share rooms, and common areas are small, making residents vulnerable to infections that are transmitted from person to person, advises the Association for Professionals in Infection

Control and Epidemiology. And the open-door policy of many facilities can make it easy for diseases to find their way in. These pointers can help reduce the risk for disease transmission.

- Visitors should not come into the facility if they have symptoms of respiratory infections or other illnesses that are easily transmissible.

- Employees should stay home if they are sick.

- Good infection prevention and control techniques always should be implemented. These include cleaning hands before and after touching another resident. Cleaning and disinfecting environmental surfaces, removing soiled items, and wearing personal protective equipment is advised.

- Residents, workers and visitors should practice proper cough and sneeze etiquette by coughing and sneezing into the crooks of their elbows rather than into their hands.

- The CDC says alcohol-based hand rub should be available in every resident's room.

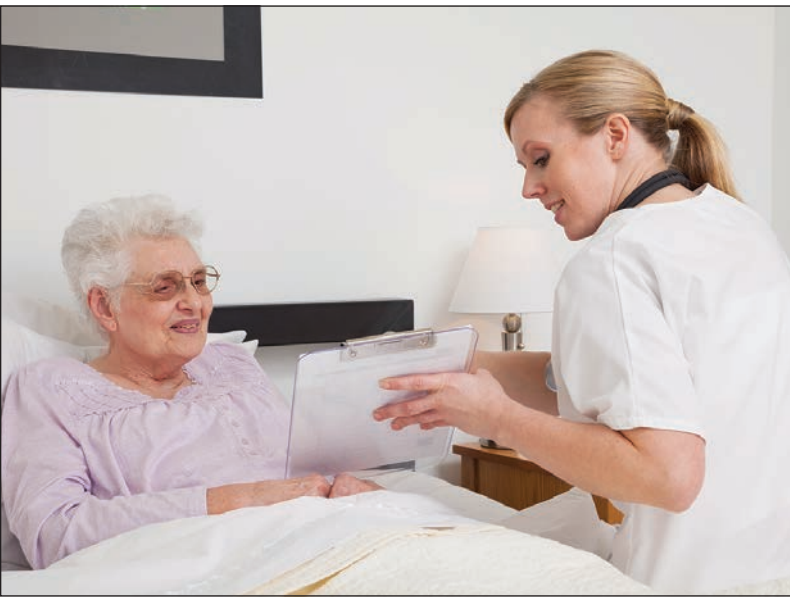
- Restrict residents with any contagious illnesses to their rooms. If they need to be moved for testing or other reasons, have them wear correct safety items, like facemasks.

- Healthcare personnel who may work other jobs, such as those in other facilities, should exercise

extreme caution after caring for an individual with an infectious disease.

- Guests should wear gowns when visiting someone who has a virus or type of bacteria that can be transmitted through direct contact.

Infectious diseases can be problematic in nursing home settings since residents are vulnerable due to their proximity to others, ages and potentially compromised immune systems. TF205927



Cancer and COVID-19

The COVID-19 outbreak of 2020 caught many people, particularly those in the western hemisphere, off guard. As the virus spread, the lives of hundreds of millions of people throughout North America and Europe changed dramatically and seemingly overnight, prompting many to wonder if they or their loved ones were going to get sick.

No one was thought to be immune to COVID-19, though many people were unfortunately believed to be more vulnerable to the disease than others. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, older adults and people with serious chronic medical conditions are at the greatest risk of getting sick from COVID-19.

The American Cancer Society notes that cancer patients, like groups with an elevated risk of getting sick from COVID-19, must do all they can to avoid being exposed to the virus. That's because the immune systems of cancer patients, particularly those in active chemotherapy and bone marrow transplant patients, can be severely weakened. In fact, in March 2020 officials with the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center warned that early data from China and Italy, two countries which experienced early and widespread outbreaks of the disease, indicated that cancer patients would be at increased risk of getting the virus.

Are all cancer patients at risk?

Dr. Steve Pergram, the medical director of infection prevention at Seattle Cancer Care Alliance, said that patients with blood malignancies are most at risk for COVID-19. Blood malignancies include non-Hodgkin lymphoma, chronic lymphocytic



In response to the COVID-19 outbreak, cancer patients may need to adjust how they communicate with their cancer care teams, including booking virtual follow-up appointments instead of in-person doctor visits.

leukemia, acute myeloid leukemia, acute lymphoblastic leukemia, and multiple myeloma. While people with these forms of cancer may be most at risk of getting COVID-19, it's important to note that all cancer patients, including those who recently concluded treatment, are vulnerable. Those who concluded treatment should know that the aftereffects of treatment can linger long after treatment programs have ended, and those aftereffects may continue to compromise patients' immune systems.

What can cancer patients do to protect themselves from COVID-19?

Cancer patients should embrace the safety protocols recommended by the CDC, including social distancing measures and limiting direct contact with other people. Seniors in cancer treatment should take advantages of opportunities to limit their exposure

to COVID-19, such as visiting grocery stores during seniors-only hours and opting to participate in digital religious services instead of in-person services. In addition, patients can work with their cancer care teams to devise ways to continue receiving treatment without elevating their risk of exposure to COVID-19.

Cancer patients also may need to adjust their expectations in regard to visits with their physicians. Dr. Len Lichtenfeld of the ACS noted that cancer patients may need to book virtual follow-up visits with their physicians or even delay preventative procedures aimed at reducing the likelihood of recurrence.

COVID-19 does not discriminate, but cancer patients may be among the most vulnerable to getting the virus. Learn more about cancer and COVID-19 at www.cancer.org. AC206971

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Currently, the 30th Annual Gathering is still scheduled, however, if you have already registered and will not be attending due to COVID-19 concerns, please visit the website for refund details.

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the fruit and vegetable industry, Kam Quarles, Chief Executive for the National Potato Council told Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue that evening week the amount falls far short of the anticipated need.

"The U.S. potato industry is \$4 billion annually with 60 percent of that total involving food service. Potato growers appreciate Secretary Perdue's rapid action intended to stabilize family farms whose survival is threatened due to the mandated food service shutdown. Today's announcement is a down payment on those efforts that will require additional resources and flexibility to deliver the necessary relief for our great potato industry."

In a letter this week, Quarles noted the following improvements to the USDA plan needed to help potato farmers.

"1) Broadening the scope of producers eligible for direct payments to include representative potato producers impacted due to the food service shutdown.

"2) Ensuring that payment distributions are fair, equitable, and achieve the intended goal of providing relief to family farms involved in the potato industry.

"3) Rapidly purchasing potatoes in volumes necessary to provide them to needy recipients and ensuring that the supply chain operates efficiently, so damage to both the current (2019 crop) and the upcoming (2020) crop are sufficiently mitigated.

"USDA has indicated that they will only purchase potatoes based upon the demand they receive from food banks and related organizations. Though these recipients should be fully supplied first, purchases cannot stop there. USDA needs to purchase surplus potatoes in substantially greater volumes that clear out the oversupply of the 2019 crop that continues to build due to the food service shutdown.

"NPC, the state organizations, and other agriculture associations across the country are working with individual Congressional delegation members to urge the White House to remove the unusually low payment cap on relief for farmers. A bicameral (House and Senate) letter is being circulated for signatures across the livestock, dairy, and produce sectors that will be sent to the White House this week."

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May 16 • 10 a.m. • Procession from ASU to AHS
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Antonito

To be Announced • High School Gym

Byron Syring DELTA Center/ Monte Vista Online Academy

To be Announced • Central Auditorium

Centauri

May 23 • 10 a.m. • Centauri Middle School
Attendance is restricted, please see the North Conejos
School District website for more information

Centennial

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Center

August 1 • 10 a.m. • High School Gym

Creede

May 21 • 7 p.m. • Star Drive-In, Monte Vista

Del Norte

June 6 • 9 a.m. • Tiger Field

Moffat

TBA

Monte Vista

August 1 • 10 a.m. • High School Gym

Mountain Valley

May 16 • 10 a.m. • TBA

North Conejos Alternative

May 21 • 7 p.m. • (Not open to the public)

Sanford

May 15 • 7 p.m. • Sanford High School

Sangre de Cristo

July 3 • 6 p.m. • Time/Location/Attendance TBA

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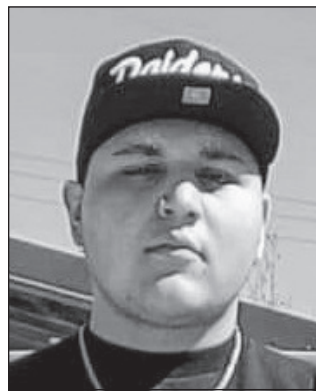
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Graduation:

July 6 • 10 a.m.

Center School Auditorium
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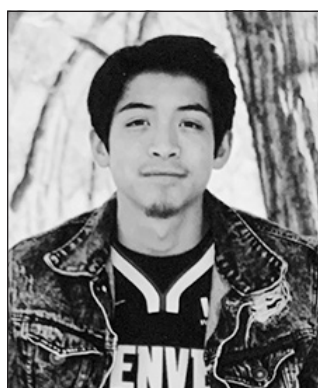
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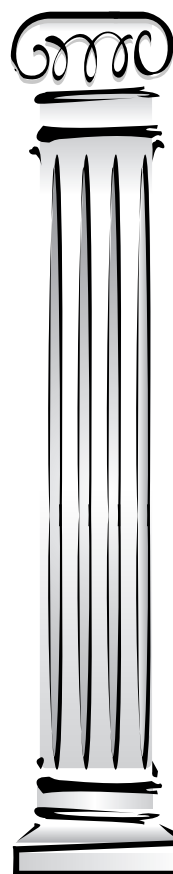
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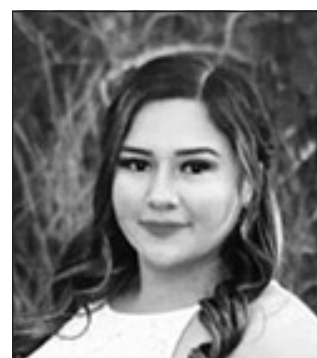
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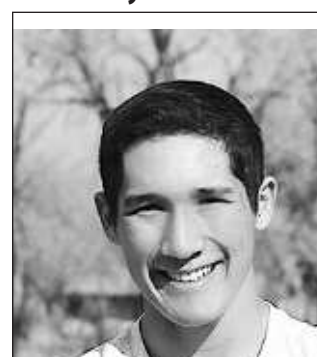
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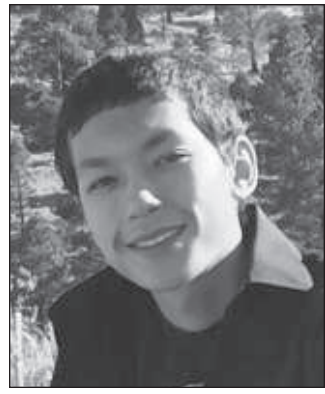
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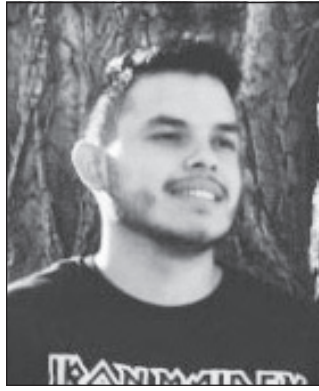
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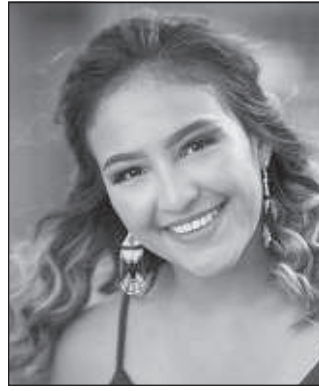
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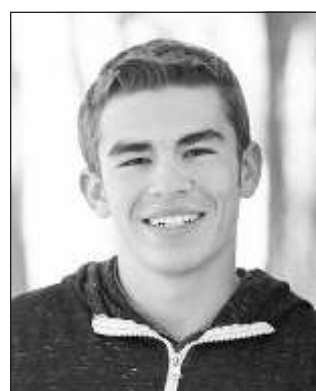
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Class Colors: Red & Black
Class Flower: White Rose
Class Song: You're gonna miss this —Trace Adkins
Class Motto: 2020 Vision Gone Blurry

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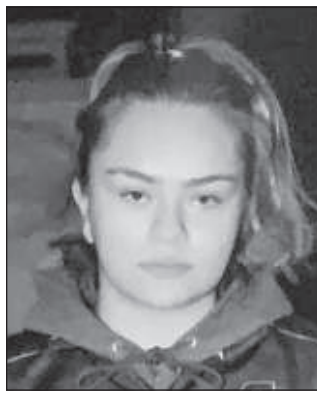
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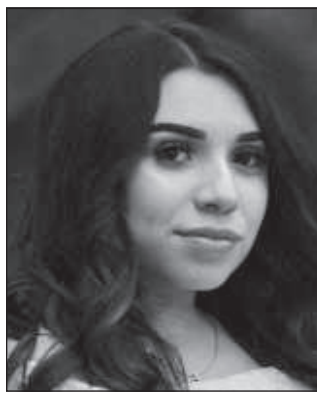
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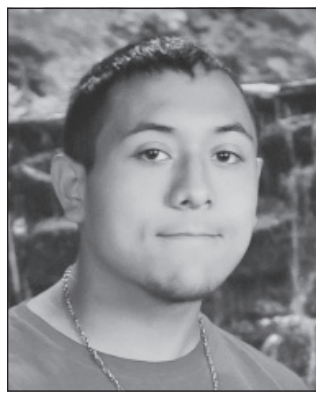
Samuel Ozuna



Felizia Rael



Adelia Romero



Valentino Trujillo

Graduation: TBA

Class Colors: Electric Blue, Black & Neon Green

Class Flower: White Rose with Neon Green, Electric Blue Tips

Class Song: My Wish — Rascal Flatts

Class Motto: Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory. — Dr. Seuss

Hats Off to the Class of 2020!

Congratulations on this milestone achievement, graduates. We salute your hard work and dedication!

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District R-1



San Luis
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Commencement Congratulations

Here's to you, graduates! As you turn the page from student to graduate, we hope the exciting challenges ahead lead you to satisfaction and success. Best of luck, and best wishes!

Center High School



Eleazar Aguilar



Brandy Almeida



Chantal Almeida



Ricardo Borunda



Isaiah Callum



Jesus Frias



Pedro Gonzalez-Ayala



Samantha Gonzalez



Jesus Hernandez-Ayala



Dolores Estrada Hernandez



Kristine Hoffner



Kelvin Knapp

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Joe Martinez



Marco Molina-Campos



Elizabeth Molina-Valadez



Ismael Palacios



Obed Perez



Rubi Perez



Vanessa Perez



Devin Porres



Jessenia Portillo



Nuvia Quintana-Reyes



Angel Ramos



Armando Salazar



Tamera Trujillo



Jose Villagomez



Karely Villalobos



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Class of 2020!
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Not Pictured:
Abelardo Gomez
Armando Salazar



Graduation:
August 1 • 10 a.m.
Center School Gymnasium

Class Colors: Blue, White & Red

Class Flower: Rose

Class Song: From the Ground Up — Dan N Shay
Good Old Days — Macklemore Feat. Ke\$ha

Class Motto: Why worry? If you've done the very best you can, worrying won't make it any better.
— Walt Disney

Dream Big

Best wishes and good luck to the Class of 2020

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Sadi Allen



Michael Filippi



Dane Fluck



Cal Hermann



Nova Thompson



Tristan Wahrenburg



Avery Jo Wetherill



Kala White



Grace Whitehorn

Graduation:

May 21 • 7 p.m.

Star Drive-In, Monte Vista



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Class Colors: Blue & Gold

Class Motto: I am unable to quit as I am currently too legit.

Congratulations to the Class of 2020
*"And it's a Great Day to be Alive,
 I know the Sun's Still Shining
 When I Close My Eyes"*
 ~Travis Tritt

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Del Norte High School



Anthony Balderas



Dietrich Bechtold



Anthony Bonner



Hanna Butler



Troy Condon



Kristen David



Gabriel Fuentes



Maximiliano Garcia



Diego Heredia



Payton Hogner



Gabrielle Jenner



Cole Jones



Gina Lujan



Isaiah Lujan



Christopher Luna



Jacob Maestas



Seth Martinez



Tristan Medina

Del Norte High School



Kaylie Metz-Mashburn



Austin Molinar



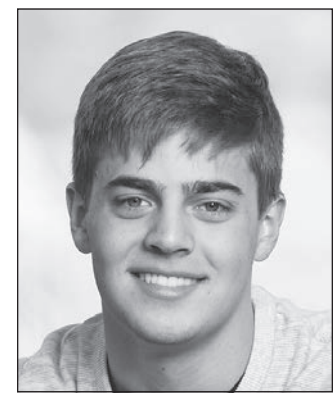
Chandler Mondragon



Mackenzie Owsley



Kendra Parra



William Perez



Andrew Phelps



Audrey Plucinski



Juan Rodriguez



Marcos Romero



Yesenia Rosales



Destiny Stewart



Preston Terrell



Zane Trujillo



Christian Velasquez



Nathan Velasquez



Jeremiah Walker

Class Flower:
White Rose
Class Song: I Lived
— OneRepublic

Graduation:

June 6 • 9 a.m. Tiger Field

Please see the Del Norte School District Facebook for attendance restrictions

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Congratulations Graduates!

Congratulations to our 2020 Del Norte Tiger graduates.

Hats Off to our Grads

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Del Norte Class of 2020

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Hats Off to the Graduates

It's your day, and we couldn't be prouder of your hard work and accomplishments. Now that you've earned your diploma, there's nothing stopping you from reaching your goals, and we hope all of your dreams come true.



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We wish you a happy graduation and a great summer. You've earned it!

Moffat High School



Jody Campbell



Josephine Davis



Alexandria Harrison



Adam Humphrey



Shealea Melendez



Xavier Merryman



Iyana Payne



Mackenzie Martinez



Elijah Roberts



Cedar Ross



Sheridan Taylor



Cheyenne Hunter

Graduation: TBA

Class Colors: Black & Teal

Class Flower: Amaryllis

Class Song: Sunday Best — Surfaces

Class Motto: All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them — Walt Disney



Monte Vista High School



Elijah Archuleta



Jovanna Arroyo



Alia Baker



Maegan Beckner



Hailiee Cale



Zachariah Castro



Karicia Ceballos



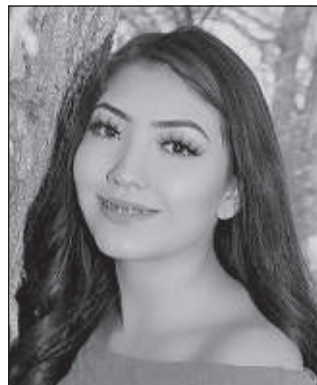
Jarren Chavez



Sydni Chavez



Manuel Contreras



Kriselle DuPont



Ashley Duran



Jason Duran



Aeneas Gomez



Elianna Gonzales



Jacob Gutierrez



Kayla Hernandez



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Brycen Hotz



Tonita Lopez



Joce Lopez-Duran



Nyelie Marrufo-Rivera



Larissa Medina



Mareh Medina



Madison Miller



Yiselle Nungaray



Josiah Perea



Maddie Plane



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Pablo Rodriguez



Jason Ross



Gabriel Samora



Melissa Sanchez



Emilio Sandoval



Kaylie Self



AJ Smith



Cody Timmins



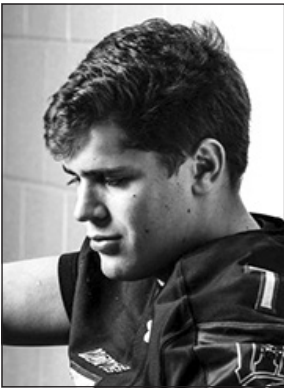
Alyssa Tipsword



Levi Trujillo



Savanna Urbina



Kaidon Wenta



Nicki Widger



Kevin Williams

Graduation:

August 1 • 10 a.m. • High School Gym

Class Colors: White & Gold

Class Flower: Teal & Silver Rose

Class Song: The Way Life Goes — Lil Uzi Vert

Class Motto: If you ain't cheatin', you ain't tryin'. — Al Ford

The Sky's the Limit

Your achievement proves that with motivation and dedication, you can accomplish anything. Keep up the great work, and remember that we are behind you all the way.

Congratulations, graduates. We wish you the height of success and happiness!



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Jake Archuleta



Isaac Arnold



Sebastien Boyd



Alexis Duchesne



Harrison Fritch



Alyssa Hammel



Mckensie Innes



Antonio Marron



Suzannah Saeugling



Leo Glenn Shipley



Ethan Volkman



Graduation:

May 16 • 10 a.m.

Location to be Announced

Class Colors: Black & Red • *Class Flower:* Roses

Class Song: Mr. Blue Sky — Electric Light Orchestra

Class Motto: Everyday is a second chance for life.



***Congratulations,
Mountain Valley Grads!***



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North Conejos Alternative School



Raedean Baroz



Bo Cormier



Layne Crowther



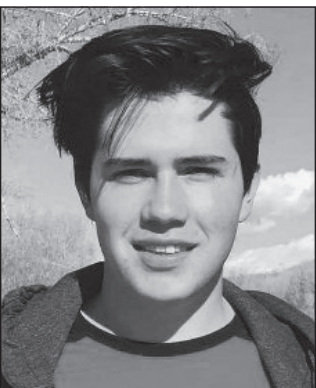
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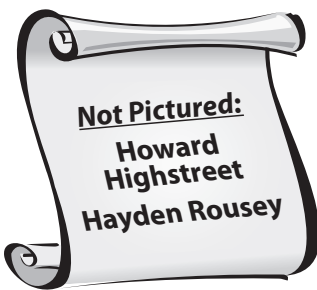
Mario Ortega



Allen Schwartz



Joseph Vigil



Graduation:

May 21 • 7 p.m.

Centauri Middle School

Gym (Not open to the public)

Class Colors: Turquoise, Bright Pink & Blue • *Class Flower:* Sunflower

Class Song: Don't Stop Believin — Journey

Class Mottos: The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step.

Must we remind, class of 2020 is one of a kind.

Congratulations!

Wishing you all the best on
your graduation day and
always.

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The Conejos County Citizen
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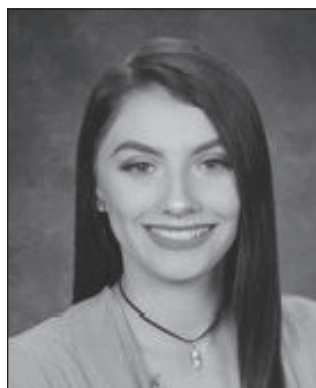
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Mayrel Aguilar



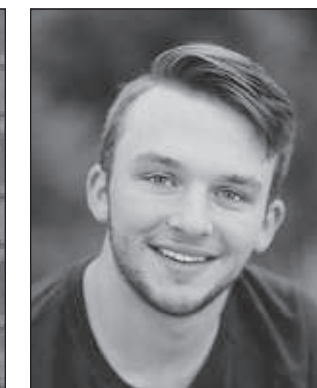
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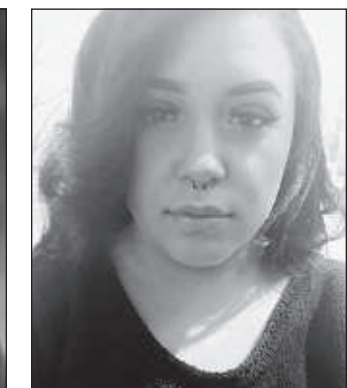
Dakota Berry



Nikkole Cabrera



Kayden Chappell



Ayana Cuevas



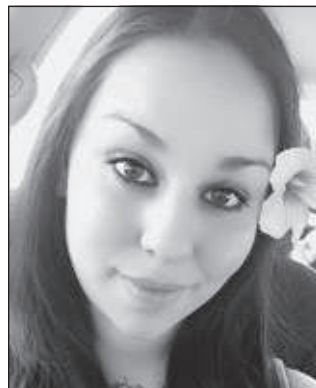
Hannah Edgren



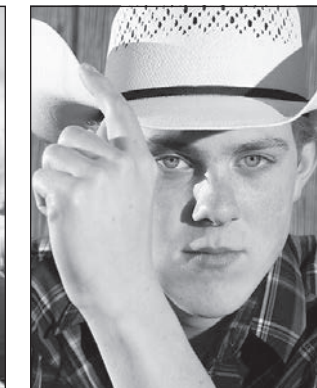
Jasmine Erickson



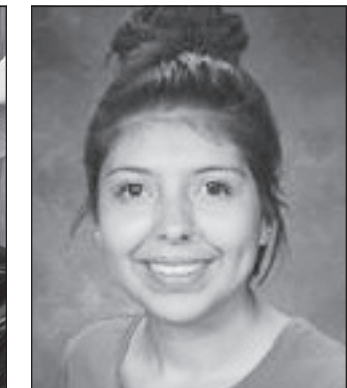
Devyn Grundy



Ashley Gutierrez



Bradley Henderson



Denayea Jiron



Haley Karschnick



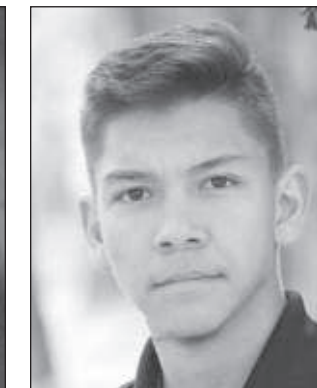
Colby Lyons



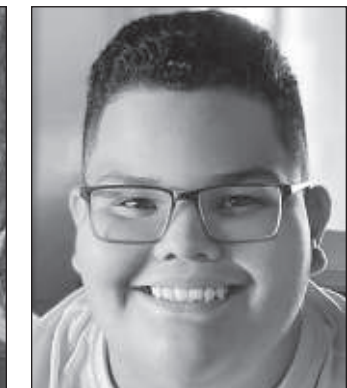
Shania Marquez



Alisha Martin



Ricardo Joe (RJ) Martinez



Sabrina Martinez



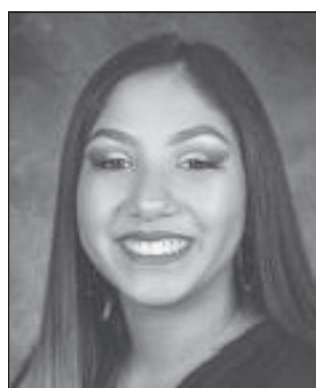
Grace McDonald



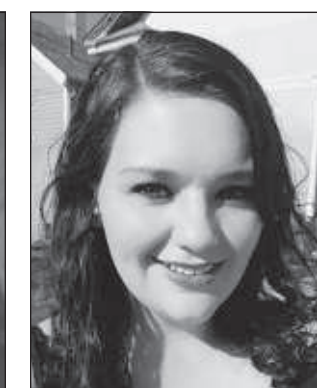
Kloey Nichols



Abbie Norris



Angela Ortiz



Mikayla Page



Anthony Picciano



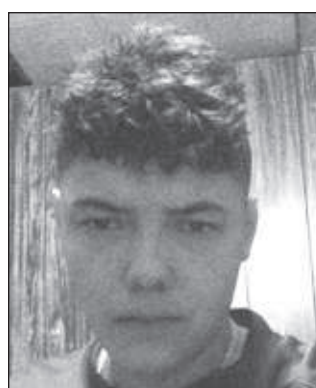
Evelina Sanchez



Kyle Smith



Aracely Torres



Damien Trujillo



Kimberly Tucker



Juan Vargas



Travis Vigil



Iava Williams



Graduation:
To be Announced
Delta Class Color: Black OLA Class Colors: Blue & White

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Sanford High School



Aisley Anderson



Meredith Anderson



Alyssa Breeding



Ariel Caldon



Clay Canty



Wyatt DePriest



Thomas Faucette



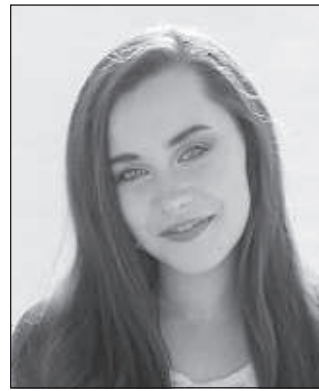
Tashiana Gurule



Brady Kuhns



Joel Maestas



Kaitlyn Miller



Josh Mortensen



Meagan Paine



Harmony Peterson



Mackenzie Peterson



Erin Russell



Abigale Sittler



Jake Smith



Holly Thomas



Jordan Whitney



Keith Wise

Graduation:

May 15 • 7 p.m.
Sanford High School

Class Color: Purple

Class Flower: Sunflower

Class Song: Five More Minutes — Scotty McCreery

Class Motto: Hindsight is 2020.

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ASU Four-Year: Alyssa Mortensen, Sangre de Cristo
Electric Lineworker: Isaias Minchaca, Sierra Grande
Robert Wolfe: Grace Whitehorn, Creede
Past Director: William Perez, Del Norte
Past Retired Villyard: Ariel Caldon, Sanford
SLV REC: Makenzie Rogers, Sangre de Cristo;
Kelsey Poe, Sangre de Cristo; Lexi Metz, Sangre de Cristo; Ryan Holland, Sargent
Tri-State G&T: Clay Kimberling, Sargent;
Dynaë Johnson, Centauri
Board of Directors: Garrett Valdez, Centauri
REC Dependent: Caden Alonzo, Alamosa

Hats Off to Our Grads!

We're proud of you, graduates! Your hard work and dedication have paid off, and we wish you success and prosperity in all of your future endeavors. May all of your hopes and dreams come true.

Sangre de Cristo High School



Cole Christensen



Mario Enriquez



Victoria Ford



Danielle Garcia



Robert Gutierrez



Zachary Hart



Jett King



Lexis Metz



Elizabeth Molina



Alyssa Mortensen



Cana Myers



Nevaeh Pacheco



Kelsey Poe



Makenzie Rogers

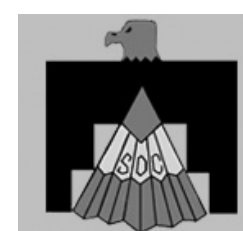



Austin Sierra



Congratulations San Luis Valley Graduates! Best of Luck!
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You're a Wise One!
 Aim high and reach for the sky! We look forward to celebrating your future successes, as you continue to achieve great things.
Congratulations and Good Luck!

Sangre de Cristo S.D. Re-22J



Zebulon Stephens



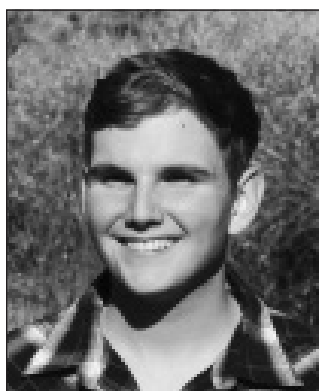
Leanne Trujillo

Graduation:
July 3
Time/Location/Attendance TBA
Class Colors: Blue & Yellow
Class Flower: Sunflower
Class Song: Remember You Young — Thomas Rhett
Class Motto: What a year this week has been.

Sargent High School



Nigel Cortright



Albert Floriani



Bradley Fuller



Nathan Garcia



Luke Hoffstaetter



Ryan Holland



Jennifer Johnson



Clay Kimberling



Dustin Kyffin



Riley Lester



Danae Lucero

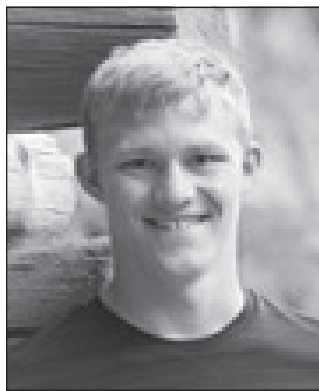


Breannen Maxwell

Sargent High School



Trevor Paskett



Michael Peterson



Akyia Ross



Kendra Sears



Cole Seger



Drew Smith



Shelby Temple



Angelica Urbina



Alexia Velasquez



Gregory Watts



Noah Young



Graduation:

May 15 • 7 p.m. • Movie Manor Drive-in.

In person parking is for graduates and families only. It will be streamed live, please contact your graduate for streaming information.

Class Colors: Purple, Silver & White

Class Flower: Carnation

Class Song: Senior Year — Drew Baldrige

Class Motto: Life is a bowl of soup and we are a bunch of forks



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Let's hear it for the Sargent Class of 2020!

Sargent High School Class of 2020!
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Here's to a Banner Year!

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Destinee De Leon



Veronica Durgan



Keaton Fischer



Isreal Martinez



Isaias Minchaca



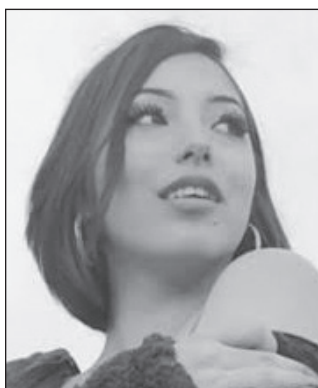
Angelique Rivera



Johnathan Sais



Paris Sanchez



Brooklyn Sandoval



Noah Vialpando

Graduation:
May 22 • 6 p.m.
Dunn Gymnasium
Class Colors: Black, White, Royal Purple & Gold
Class Flower: Roses
Class Motto: Live Passionately
— SG Class of 2020