



## Commissioners implement fire restrictions

**SAGUACHE COUNTY** — The Saguache County Board of Commissioners in conjunction with the Saguache Sheriff's Office declared April 21 that Saguache County is now under Stage 2 Fire Restrictions.

Stage two fire restrictions prohibit:

1. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire or any type of charcoal-fueled broiler or bar-b-que grill, burning ditches, fence rows and trash, including household trash.
2. Using explosive material; i.e., fireworks, blasting caps or any incendiary device which may result in ignition of flammable material.
3. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building.
4. Welding or operating an acetylene or similar torch with an open flame.

The following actions are permitted:

1. Fires including stoves within enclosed building or recreational vehicles and chain saws which are equipped with adequate spark arresting screens which prevent the escape of sparks.
2. Mechanical stoves and appliance fueled by bottled or liquid gas which allows the operator to turn the flame on and off are permitted.
3. Agricultural burning will be permitted when a controlled burn is reported to the Saguache County Sheriff's Office. All agricultural burning must be monitored at all times by the owner of property and no burning permitted on Red Flag days.

As provided by Colorado Statute, any person responsible for starting a fire while this ban is in effect will be held accountable for all damages caused as well as fire suppression costs incurred.

Anyone who will be engaged in any permitted activity is encouraged to take extra precautions, make sure the fire is monitored at all times, and make absolutely sure the fire is completely extinguished.

The restrictions apply to all unincorporated areas in Saguache County.

## Polis cautiously slackens stay-at-home order

### GovSome businesses opening, education systems remain closed

**BY TREY SPAULDING**  
**COLORADO** — Monday, April 20, Governor Jared Polis announced that the mandatory stay-at-home order would end April 26 and that we would move into a "safer-at-home" period of 60-65 percent physical distancing beginning May 1. Local governments

will have the opportunity to implement stricter restrictions, particularly those who may be experiencing an outbreak.

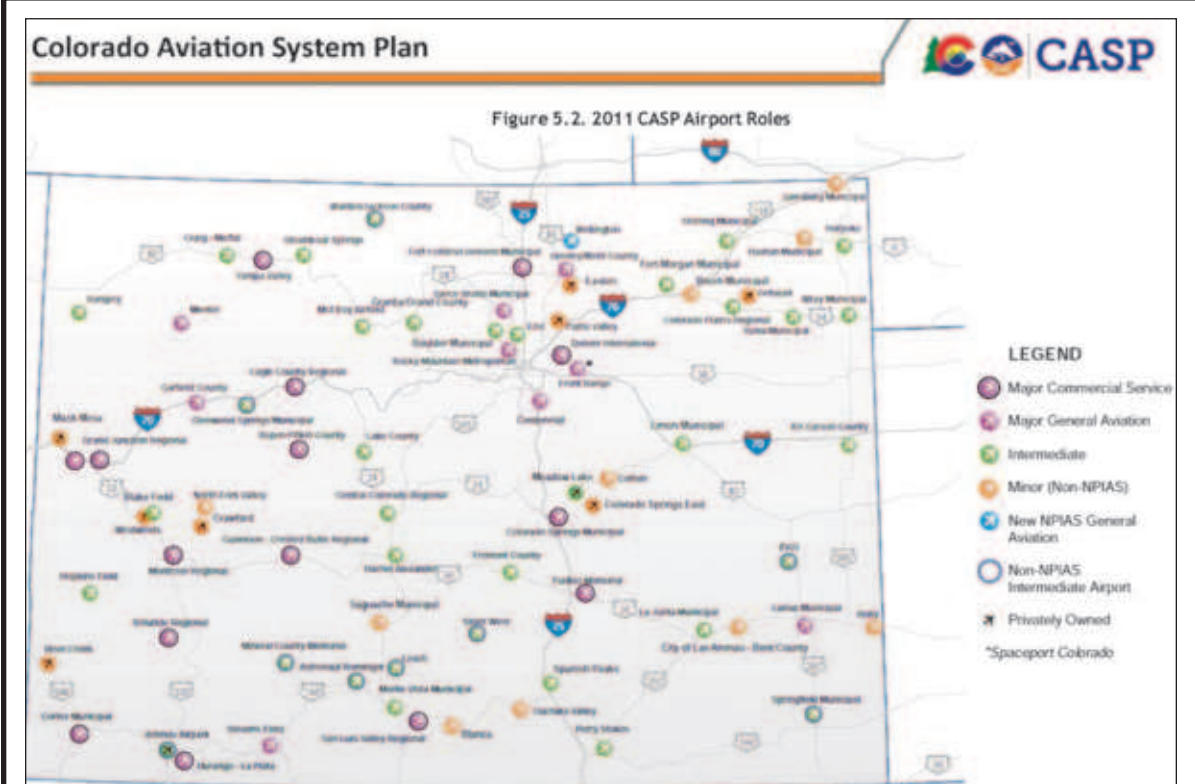
A "safer-at-home" policy means that most people will stay at home as much as possible and avoid unnecessary social interactions, strong protections for vulnerable populations while COVID-19 health care, testing and monitoring are increasing. In addition the "safer-at-home" policy strongly advises that the general public wear face coverings while in public,

restricts gatherings to 10 people or less, sick employees are not allowed to go to work, and the avoidance of unnecessary travel. Vulnerable populations and seniors are to stay at home except when absolutely necessary. Critical businesses remain open with strict precautions.

Beginning Friday, May 1, some businesses can reopen with various restrictions. Retail businesses can be open for curbside delivery and phased-in public opening with strict

precautions. Real estate agents can begin to show listings but open houses are still prohibited. Office businesses can be 50 percent open with strict precautions with large workspaces advised to have symptom and temperature checks with telecommuting continued to be maximized. Elective medical and dental services will be open with strict precautions to ensure adequate PPE and the ability to meet critical

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## Economic impact of local and regional airports on local economies

**BY TREY SPAULDING**  
**COLORADO** - On April 16, the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation, announced that airports across the state of Colorado will receive \$366,981,543 in funding from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) aimed at keeping workers

on payroll and funding airport capital expenditures and operating expenses in response to COVID-19. This funding was provided under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act. Regionally San Luis Valley Regional, Monte Vista Municipal, Salida Airport Harriett Alexander

Field and Stevens Field in Pagosa Springs airports each received \$30,000 in CARES funding. Durango La Plata County airport received \$2,542,548. Pueblo Memorial airport received \$1,043,034. Gunnison Crested Butte Regional received \$18,010,756. Why did *Please see IMPACT on Page 7A*

## Beloved twin tree vandalized in Baca Grande

**BY TERESA L. BENNS**  
**CRESTONE** — One of two magnificent ponderosa pines on Camino Real (locally known as Two Trees Road) within the Baca Grande Property Owners subdivision (BGPOA) was vandalized earlier this month and Crestone-area residents are understandably upset.

The twin, intertwined trees have existed as a landmark throughout the history of the subdivision. Cuts in the trees, as illustrated in the photos, appear to have been made with a cross-cut saw.

One person commenting about the cuts on a local forum page noted: "Unfortunately, the cuts are deep. The photos don't really show the full extent of the damage. If a pine tree has

damage to more than 25 percent of its circumference, it could very well be lethal. There is damage to the cambium and phloem; this will prevent the tree from feeding its pine needles."

Another commenter wrote: "That is a very sacred tree to us. We even locally re-named the road after it. I shudder to think of it being killed because of someone's ignorance and complete lack of respect for nature and our community."

Sam Scavo with the U.S. Forest *Please see TREE on Page 6A*

**These photos show how deep the cuts made by vandals into one of the Baca Grande's landmark twin trees actually went.**



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# OBITUARIES

## Eunice Catherine Barnes Harris, 89

**LAKELAND, FL** — Eunice Catherine Barnes Harris was born Sept. 8, 1930, in Lakeland, Florida to parents Zerney Burnes Barnes and Eunice Pipkin Barnes. As the youngest of four siblings, Zerney Barnes, Jr., Richard Barnes and Elizabeth Barnes (MacKinnon). Eunice spent her early years among many friends and relatives. After graduating from Florida State University and beginning a lifetime career of elementary school teaching, she married Harold Douglas Harris, Jr. Jan. 16, 1954, and became an Army wife. She cheerfully managed the many moves that followed. Eunice and Harold along with their three children, Doug, Charles and Katherine had the opportunity to live in Georgia, New Jersey, France, Montana and Florida. The family moved to Alamosa, Colorado in 1970 and Eunice and Harold put down permanent roots in the San Luis Valley. Eunice remained in contact with the many friends she met throughout her life. She and Harold visited many of them as they traveled across the country over the years. Eunice was an active P.E.O.

member for over 65 years and was very much loved by her P.E.O. sisters. Music was very important in her life and she played both the piano and the organ. She also sang in the choir during her life as a member of every Methodist Church she attended. Eunice also accompanied, on the piano, many student's music performances throughout the years. Eunice was an avid bridge player and actually met Harold on a "blind date" for a bridge game. She was known for baking cookies and made thousands over her lifetime for children to enjoy painting. Her love of children was reflected by the many who considered her "their" Grandma Harris.

Eunice was preceded in death by her husband Harold, son Doug and daughter-in-law Susan.

She is survived by her son Charlie (Debbie) Harris, daughter Kay Harris Risdahl and her grandchildren, Corey (Rachel) Harris, Holly (Tom Yanker) Harris, Katie Risdahl, Christi Risdahl, Tim (Sabrina) Biggs and Jay (Charity) Biggs.

Eunice was a much loved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend. She will be



missed by all who knew and loved her.

Cremation was selected and a memorial service followed by interment at Homelake Cemetery will be held at a later time. To express condolences to the family, please visit [www.rogersfunerals.com](http://www.rogersfunerals.com)

Rogers Family Mortuary in Alamosa is in care of the arrangements.

## Paulett Kay Lacy, 73

**SARGENT** — Paulett Kay Lacy, 73, passed away April 12, 2020, of heart failure. Ms. Lacy was a longtime resident of Sargent and was employed by Sargent School where she worked in the kitchen. Ms. Lacy was born Jan. 7, 1947, in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Ms. Lacy was preceded in death by her parents, Kermit and Iris Lacy, a brother, Rex Lacy and a nephew, Michael Lacy. She is survived by a brother, Loren Lacy (Kay) and a niece, Jen

(Jeremy) Rehnberg of Loveland, Colorado, and their children, Brooks and Mackenzie, and extended family members, Dick and Alana McNitt. The family wishes to thank the Monte Vista Estates nursing home for their excellent care of Ms. Lacy for the past three years, and a special thank you to her friend, Arturo Cantero for his care and friendship. Cremation has been completed and there will be a family graveside service at a later date.

## SAGUACHE SHERIFF REPORT

The following information was provided by the Saguache County Sheriff's Office for the weeks of April 6-20, 2020.

### Arrests

- Victor Najera, 37, Center, possession of weapon by previous offender, DUR (habitual), operated uninsured motor vehicle
- Desirea Montano, 25, Grants,

fugitive of justice

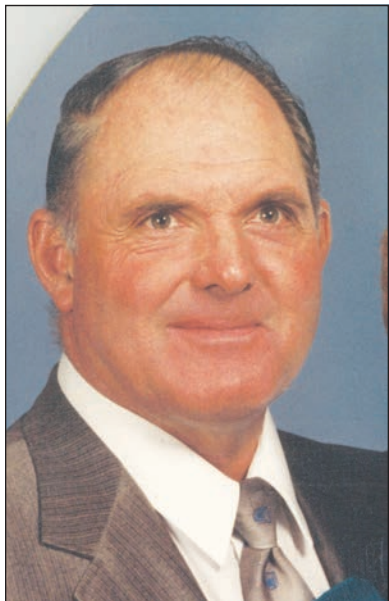
- Joe Aragon, 22, Milan, fugitive of justice
- Danny DeHerrera, 22, Milan, New Mexico, fugitive of justice

### Citations

- Xavier Garcia, 24, Moffat, trespassing, failure to comply with a public health order

## Larry Glen Reed, 80

**CENTER** — Longtime Center resident Larry Glen Reed, 80, passed away April 16, 2020. He was born June 22, 1939, in Worland, Wyoming to William and Florence Reed. Larry graduated from Cody high school in Cody, Wyoming in 1957 and achieved his bachelor's degree in Science and Physics from the University of Wyoming in 1961. He honorably served his country in the United States Army. Larry moved to the San Luis Valley in the late 60s to start farming from the ground up. Over the next 50 years, following his dream of farming, he worked the land farming potatoes and wheat. On April 24, 1982, Larry married the love of his life, Vivian Janice Todd in Monte Vista. He cherished his time with Janice, especially sneaking away from the farm to drive up to the mountains for a picnic. Larry lovingly cared for his wife at home until her passing Dec. 1, 2015. Larry was a member of the Monte Vista Methodist Church.



Larry is survived by his brothers, Bill (Ann) Reed and Joe (Kathy) Reed, as well as his brother-in-law Glenn Todd and numerous nieces, nephews and extended family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Janice as well as his sister Janis Haeberle.

Larry's wishes were to be buried in the Monte Vista Cemetery with his wife Janice. A private graveside service will be held. In lieu of flowers, contributions are suggested to the Trinidad Nursing Program and may be made in care of the funeral home office. To express condolences, please visit [www.rogersfunerals.com](http://www.rogersfunerals.com) to leave a condolence for his family.

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

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# Official election results in

**CENTER** — The official vote count numbers released by the town of Center Monday changed but the election results have not changed in the town's April 7 election.

Center voters passed the sales tax measure 166 to 143. Anthony "Tony" Garcia will serve as Center's new mayor. Garcia received 111 votes, Jaime Hurtado 86, Pedro Segura 65, James Sanchez 55 and Delsa Chavez 42.

New trustees on the Center town

board include Peggy Martinez with 206 votes and Nivek Bieriger with 158 votes. Incumbent Archie Gallegos also was re-elected, receiving 147 votes. Nick Schaeffer received 140 votes, Annette Martinez 99 votes, Herman "Dicky" Sisneros 91 votes, David Ramon 72 votes and Leslie "Duran" Shelley 50 votes. Martinez and Bieriger join trustees Gallegos, Mary McClure, Adeline Sanchez and Bill McClure to constitute Center's new board.

# Saguache SO involved in stolen vehicle pursuit

**SAGUACHE COUNTY** — On Saturday, April 18, a Saguache County Sheriff's Deputy initiated pursuit of a 2017 Chevrolet Silverado on Poncha Pass southbound on Highway 285 within Saguache County, Colorado State Patrol Sergeant Major Anne Robinson reported.

Officers from Colorado State Patrol, Saguache Sheriff's Office, Alamosa Sheriff's Office, Center Police Department and Rio Grande County Sheriff's Office responded to assist.

The vehicle was ultimately stopped north of Hooper on Highway 17 after traveling over a tire deflation device, assisted by a tactical vehicle intervention maneuver performed by a State Trooper. Two suspects were arrested with the stolen vehicle and one was apprehended at a nearby residence while fleeing on foot.

In the course of the chase, the stolen vehicle struck two law enforcement vehicles and attempted to strike three law enforcement officers. One of the vehicles damaged in the chase was driven by Saguache Sheriff Dan Warwick. Warwick said Monday he is still driving the vehicle and the damage can be repaired.

All three suspects — Desirea Montano 25, of Grants, Joe Ray Anthony Aragon 22 of Milan, New Mexico and Danny

James DeHerrera, 22, also of Milan New Mexico — were transported to Saguache County Jail but were later transferred to Chaffee County.

According to the Chaffee County Sheriff's Office Facebook page, Aragon was charged with first degree assault, attempted second-degree assault, felony menacing, reckless endangerment, motor vehicle theft, criminal Impersonation, possession of a synthetic narcotic, illegal possession of a weapon, eluding, reckless driving, and failure to notify police of an accident.

DeHerrera was charged with first degree assault, second-degree assault, reckless endangerment, motor vehicle theft, criminal Impersonation, possession of a synthetic narcotic, illegal possession of a weapon, eluding, reckless driving, and failure to notify police of an accident and trespassing.

Desirea Montano was charged with first degree assault, second degree assault, reckless endangerment, motor vehicle theft, possession of a synthetic narcotic, eluding, reckless driving, and failure to notify police of an accident.

Each suspect is being held on a \$25,000 bond. This incident is still under investigation.

# Ute Theatre offering three FREE online workshops

**SAGUACHE** — The Historic Ute Theatre Offers three online workshops during April and May that will aspire to uplift, transform and engage during these challenging times!

While theatre doors remain closed and citizens stay home safe and sound during these challenging times, the Historic Ute Theatre team is excited to offer FREE online workshops for folks of all ages (thanks to support from a Saguache County Sales Tax Grant). The workshops are:

- Storytelling in Challenging Times: Healing Through Narrative and Play Dates: Saturday, April 25, 4-5 p.m. and Sunday, April 26, 1-5 p.m.

- The Power of Writing Badly: Befriending Imperfection as a Path to Creativity. Dates: Saturday, May 16, 4-5 p.m. & Sunday, May 17, 1-5 p.m.

- Rise and Shine: The Magic of Music and Sound. Dates: Saturday, May 23, 4-5 p.m. and Sunday, May 24, 1-5 p.m.

In alignment with our mission to Uplift, Transform and Engage, these workshops will provide participants not only with exciting opportunities for creative expression, but also with

tools to:

- Find joyful inspiration during these times (uplift!),
- Shift challenging emotions and draw on personal strengths (transform!), and
- Create community with workshop leaders and fellow participants (engage!).

### For more info and how to register:

For more information about these workshops, visit [www.historicutetheatre.com](http://www.historicutetheatre.com). Participation in each workshop is limited to 20 folks, and priority will be given to Saguache County residents, so please pre-register by contacting [info@historicutetheatre.com](mailto:info@historicutetheatre.com) or calling 719-427-1080 with: 1) the title of the workshop 2) the attendee's name, and 3) a phone number, and theatre staff will follow up.

Please note that workshop attendance requires an internet connection. For those who do not have internet access and would like to attend the workshop, please contact the number above and theatre staff will do their best to make it happen!

Love is the cure — take care and be well!

# CLIPS FROM THE CLERK

## BY SAGUACHE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER TRISH GILBERT ATTENTION

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency, in-person voting may be limited or unavailable at certain locations.

The Saguache County Clerk & Recorder's Office strongly encourages all voters to return their ballots to a county-controlled 24-hour drop box or by mail. If you must vote in-person, please

check our website at [saguachecounty.net](http://saguachecounty.net) or call 719-655-2512 before going to vote in-person to confirm availability.

### Drop Box Locations:

- Saguache County Courthouse (South Parking Lot) — 501 4th St. Saguache CO 81149

- Saguache County Sheriff's Satellite Office — 182 E Galena Ave. Crestone CO 81131

- Center Town Hall — 294 Worth St. Center CO 81125

# Chief Meek delivers boy's birthday surprise

By Teresa L. Benms

**CENTER** — A birthday surprise for a Center boy brought police to the door of his home last week to make the event an extra-special day after his birthday party was canceled due to the COVID-19 virus health orders.

Romeo Villagomez turned 10 April 13 and his parents, Joel and Mariah Villagomez, brainstormed over how to make the day special day for him. Finally, the perfect solution came to mind, Mariah Gomez wrote in an email last week.

"Due to COVID-19 we were unable to celebrate our oldest child's 10th birthday as we originally planned. We still wanted to make it memorable for Romeo since you only turn the double digits once.

"His father and I thought endlessly of different ideas how to surprise him with his 10th birthday wish. That's when I contacted Chief Meek from Center Police Department. When I told him the idea, he was thrilled to be a part of making Romeo's birthday one to remember!"

"It was really just a small act done while I was driving home after work," Meek texted Monday. Meek delivered Romeo's present from his parents to him, an iPhone, and allowed him to work the lights and siren in the car as relatives looked on. Meek said he was careful to sterilize the vehicle before allowing Romeo to get in.

"The excitement/confusion on our son's face along with his siblings and cousins' was priceless, Mariah Villagomez noted in her email. "When you have a Chief who does memorable things like this for your child, it makes you realize the amazing things he has planned for our small town of Center."

"I do think it made Romeo's day and that made it well worth the stop," Meek commented.

The Villagomez family sends out a special thanks to Chief Meek and the fellow officers "who wish they could've been there but had to keep our town safe!"



Courtesy photo Chief Meek from Center Police Department helps boy celebrate his 10<sup>th</sup> birthday in a special way.

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# OPINION & EDITORIAL

## Gotta Laugh or cry

There is an old saying that says "You gotta laugh or you cry." And in times like these with Covid-19 affecting the entire world, I guess people probably need to laugh more than ever.

That does not mean that I take lightly the effect this has had on working people or businesses. It is horrible. But, I do know that to get to the other side of this, we'll need every tool in the box to keep us going and, in addition to persistence and faith, levity is one of those.

Miss Trixie and I have been fortunate to be cooped up on our farm in Texas, with an adequate meat supply and plenty of corn cobs for the outhouse, so we are getting along - both "getting along" with each other and together. That feels like a real achievement, if the truth is told.

Trixie, ever her momma's daughter was prepared for WWII as far as canned goods and other essentials as just a matter of normal lifestyle. So my waist band has not diminished at all and Miss Trixie says my hat size has not either. I think she is saying Ol' Dutch has gotten "the big head" late in life but what does she know?

No. 1 daughter, Cricket, sent us some nice masks to wear and it's a challenge for me to cover up my handsome face in public thereby denying lonely women everywhere a chance glance at my good looks.

I am starting to enjoy wearing the bandana, though, which makes me wonder if somewhere in my past lives I was a bandit of some renown or maybe just a small time thief hung for my crimes.

In my childhood, my mother had to tie me up and wrestle me to the ground like a rodeo calf roping contest just to get a necktie around my gullet. I have such an aversion to wearing that neck apparatus that Ol' Dutch does not even own a tie, let alone wear one no matter who marries or dies. So maybe I was hung for past offenses.

There has not been a time in history, when a person could walk up to a bank teller or store register with a mask on and not be shot on-site or at least have the police called. Matter of fact, you may get in more trouble for NOT wearing a mask at said locations.

All of this social distancing and quarantining of households has led some to think that there will be a baby boom in nine months. And that has occurred during past disruptions in lives like snowstorms and hurricanes and it may actually lead



**Trout Republic**  
by Kevin Kirkpatrick

to a bunch of children who in 2033 will be known as the Quaranteens.

The cartoons have brought us some levity and being able to find Waldo is so much easier now that social distancing has begun. But if you "Google" Waldo, Kansas, it's always been easy to find.

Another piece of news that earned a chuckle was hearing that Mexico has closed their border with the U.S. after decades of northward migration being a big sticking point for many people. No matter your personal opinion on the matter that 180 degree turn around in position is funny, I don't care who you are.

Ol' Dutch can still recall back in his matriculating days that any "no school" day was seen as a vacation. We even took the risk of getting detention (or worse) to skip school so we could sit on a couch and watch TV. Now we see kids begging to return to school and be rescued from parents who are not quite as easy as their science teacher in fifth period. Now that is funny too.

Here in our house, Ol' Dutch tries to bring some laughter to Miss Trixie on a daily basis. About the 14<sup>th</sup> day, Miss Trixie said to me, "you've already told me that joke four times."

I hope this quarantine ends quickly as I need an older audience with fading memories to laugh at my stale jokes. Miss Trixie, bless her soul, is still keeping count, doing daily chores and taking showers for which I am thankful. I may even start taking showers just to show her my appreciation.

*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](http://www.troutrepublic.com) or on Twitter at TroutRepublic.*



## LETTERS

### Tom McCracken for County Commissioner

To the editor:

As we face unprecedented times, we believe it is important to keep in mind that decisions we make now will affect our future. With this in mind we are writing in support of Tom McCracken as county commissioner. Many of us have known Tom and his wife Lillian for many years and find Tom to be well-informed about the issues that will drive the development of our community in the future.

Tom has a vision for this community that includes development of local resources, such as use of the trail system, to promote visitors coming here

to appreciate the natural environment we live in. His vision includes the development of green industries, to support local residents. His lifetime work has focused on the production and distribution of organic produce to increase the physical health of us all. He has run a tree planting business to help restore the environment. He is active in maintaining the water resources, so essential to life in our high desert community. Tom understands the local environment both in a scientific way and as a neighbor who has lived here since the 1980s.

We believe we are at a crossroads in

Crestone and Saguache County about what type of mindset we will take into the future. Will our part of the Valley maintain a mindset that incorporates the beauty and value of the area we live in, a more rural view, or will we develop a more suburban, urban mindset that loses sight of the land and values of small-town living that we moved here to embrace? We support Tom as we believe he will focus our development on solutions that align with this unique community we live in.

*Sharon Corcoran, Linda Eickhoff, Jillian Ellzey, Jan Foster Müller, Bill Müller, Pamela Ramadei and Lin Salmi*

### Lynne Thompson running for District 2 Commissioner

Hello Saguache County Residents, I am pleased to announce that the petitions I submitted to be placed on the June 30<sup>th</sup> primary ballot were approved by the Saguache County Clerk and Recorder.

Here is a little bit about me. My uncle, my father's brother, bought a farm in Center in 1960. Since that time my family has been coming down from Colorado Springs on the weekends and summer to help with that operation. I eventually moved here permanently in 1993.

I worked for two years at the Agriculture Stabilization and

Conservation Service in Center. I was then hired at the Saguache Combined Courts in 1995. I brought to that job 14 years' prior court experience from Jefferson and El Paso counties. I retired in 2009 as Clerk of the Court, a position I held for 12 years.

Since my retirement I have substituted at Mountain Valley School, have been on the Saguache County Planning Commission since 2013, was Chair of the Saguache County Democratic Party for two terms and Vice Chair for one term.

I also have been the Secretary  
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### Pascoe running for Commissioner District 1

To the editor:

Sgt. Richard Pascoe, a 24-year veteran with the Saguache County Sheriff's Office, has announced he will run on the Republican ticket for Saguache County commissioner, District 1.

Pascoe first became a deputy under former Sheriff Al King in 1996. He also has operated a private business on the side and wants voters to know that he would run the county like any business. If elected, county employees' jobs will be secure, he

confirmed, unless someone does something "really stupid."

There is a slew of issues that have been plaguing the county for years, Pascoe noted, and he hopes to address them. Four main issues speak to him the loudest: housing, water, illegal marijuana grows and the proposed new county jail, but there are others as well.

Housing - "We have county employees who don't live here because there is no housing for  
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“Center has fallen victim to the drug epidemic which plagues the San Luis Valley and many areas of the nation. The use of heroin and methamphetamines has been growing which corresponds to an increase in property crime.

“A recent publication made by Colorado Municipalities (2019) has stipulated that Saguache and Rio Grande counties lead the area and much of Colorado on drug overdoses based upon population (VanDeMark, 2019). The July homicide here in our town of Center was related to the sale of narcotics. In October 2019, we had one home invasion robbery and one attempted home invasion which were directly attributed to the offenders obtaining drugs.

“A victim was nearly beaten to death with a baseball bat and spent almost two months in the hospital. Additionally, a motor vehicle accident with serious injuries involving one of our local teenagers was the result of narcotics use and driving. We are continuously observing the effects of narcotics use with the loss of life. The homeless population within the town limits is directly attributed to narcotics.

“An arrest was made Oct. 29 was directly related to a young man who was committing burglaries to finance his drug habit. Before my appointment as Chief of Police, many burglaries had occurred for the same reason. Crime trends to fund the use of narcotics have went from burglaries to shoplifting and is now thefts from unlocked vehicles.

“Property is stolen and traded for narcotics from local dealers. Additionally, there have been several recent cases of resisting arrest directly attributed to those with arrest warrants for drugs or property crime attempting to flee from officers to avoid jail.

“The fear from users is withdrawal or detoxing from their drug of choice during incarceration and the court process. A continuous loss of property is occurring in one form or another as those with addictions continue to use theft as a means to



support their habits. I personally believe that a corresponding rise in violent crime will also occur if the drug epidemic is not properly addressed.

“Communications with Chief Rosecrans with the Monte Vista Police has indicated that the two drug canines for his agency have led to a reduction in drug activity. It is understood that drug crime and drug use will not be totally eradicated with the introduction of this tool, but the open activity of drug dealers and drug users is reduced or displaced to other, less proactive areas.

“Between June 1, 2018, and Feb. 13, 2020, Monte Vista Police canines were deployed for searches 107 times. The dogs have located about 2.5 pounds of illegal narcotics and have located about \$15,000 in drug nexus monies. Chief Rosecrans endorses the ability of a drug dog to decrease

crime. “The dog will not be used for tracking or apprehension of fleeing criminals which will null the liability of a dog biting a suspect. Proper narcotics canine deployment or bomb detection protocols avoid contact between suspects and the dog.”

The cost of a 2016 Chevy Tahoe fitted to carry the dog is \$29,395. The overall cost to start the K-9 program is \$37,895. Meek said there are a number of federal and other grants he can apply for to bring down costs.

Trustees Bill McClure and Adeline Sanchez listed several concerns they had regarding hidden costs and liabilities. Center Town Administrator Brian Lujan suggested that trustees compile a list of concerns to be discussed at a workshop next month.

The proposal was tabled until the workshop is held.

## VFA meeting canceled

**SAN LUIS VALLEY** — Since Colorado is still in the “stay at home” mode at least through April 26, the VFA will not meet in April.

Hopefully things will calm down and May will be a possibility. Everyone please stay safe. Enjoy knitting, crocheting, spinning or extra weaving time (those who are not working).

Looking forward to hopefully seeing everyone in May.

## SLV REC board virtual meeting set

San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative Board of Directors is scheduled for April 28, 2020, to begin at 9:30 a.m. Due to current COVID-19 restrictions, this meeting will be a virtual meeting that members can view/listen to online. There will be a Ciello and SLV Energy Foundation Meeting immediately following. If anyone is interested in viewing this meeting, please contact Michelle at 719-852-6640 for more information.

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# Adams State Theatre brings virtual performance to you

**ALAMOSA** - The Adams State University Theatre Department presents a performance designed to fit the unique times in which we live.

On April 23, Adams State will bring theatre to where you are. Please join ASU Theatre for this free event taking place on our department's Facebook and Instagram pages. Starting at 7:30 p.m., our current students, alumni, and faculty join together to present an evening of virtual theatre featuring new works and original solo performances.

"While we won't be performing on our stage for an audience gathered together on our campus, we are excited to bring theatre to where our audience is," said John H. Taylor, director of theatre.

Reaching Through the Distance will present a series of filmed monologues written and performed by members of the theatre program including faculty and alumni. The short solo pieces deal with diverse topics and may contain mature subject matter.

"I am excited that this production brings together members of our ASU theatre family, including six alumni, to collaborate and create together even in a time of social distancing. With the internet as our stage, we are honored to take part in the ongoing 2,500-year-old tradition of theatre as a source of entertainment and a place to tell the stories that must be told," said Taylor.

Follow ASU Theatre's Facebook and Instagram pages for other upcoming virtual performances.

## TREE

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Service in Alamosa commented: "Best thing would be to make sure it gets ample water and prevent future damage. Trees do not heal like we do, they compartmentalize and close wounds through the growth of specialized cells/tissue. Look up the concept of CODIT by Dr Alex Shigo. Seems to be a fairly old tree based on the bark appearance. Ponderosa are tough trees — think of the damage the Utes did peeling them, and they persist. I'm hopeful that this one will survive; there is some potential for top dieback as a result of the damage. Water will be helpful in reducing further stress. Let me know how it does this summer.

"We treated the three wounds on both sides of the tree," a tree specialist wrote. "This should stop beetles from infecting the wounds caused by someone trying to fell the tree with a cross-cut saw. Elaine Johnson and Steve McDowell provided the materials used to fill the wounds."

Many other residents commenting on the forum page expressed outrage that anyone would do such a thing, some believing it was vandalism by teenagers, others insisting it had to be the work of an adult. Several referred to a spate of recent vandalism at religious temples in the area as possibly related. Some history and wood harvesting

facts

At the time the subdivision was laid out in the 1970s, the planners definitely recognized the beauty of the old trees and planned the road around them. Now almost 20 years later it appears that someone deliberately tried to cut one of them down.

The incident occurred during a local controversy about firewood removal currently taking place in the greenbelts — protected areas within the subdivision. Many residents feel that the BGPOA board and administration are not doing enough to ensure that private contractors are not abusing covenants and policies. This is because it appears that some are allowing outside private contractors to cut firewood for commercial purposes, meaning they are selling it for profit.

Instead of a "thinning" project, as outlined in the Baca Grande Community Wildfire Protection Plan, multiple heritage trees were cut. The main species removed were aspen and cottonwood trees 20" or more in diameter. The work done had all the hallmarks of commercial logging. Dead and down debris remains lying in the area, even in the creek creating risks of flooding. In short, many in the community were unhappy with the results of this work.

Just when the community needs to be united and working together while facing a pandemic, seeds of discord and distrust have been sown. And because of ongoing issues with the Baca Grande POA administration, which has experienced several shifts in head positions, answers are not readily available.

Some questions, though, can be answered by referring to the BGPOA wood harvesting guidelines available only to POA residents and property owners. The following restrictions apply to tree harvesting in the subdivision:

- Wood that is cut or gathered is for personal use *only* and is not to leave the Baca Grande or be sold.
- Only downed or dead trees may be cut.
- One permit allows three cords of wood to be cut/gathered/removed. If more wood is desired, additional permit is required.
- All slash in the area must be cleared, before another area is opened for cutting.
- Only a permit holder may engage in permitted activity.
- Greenbelt access by non-mechanical, pedestrian means only.
- Wood cutting permits are good for one year for lot owners, one month for residents.

## PASCOE

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them," Pascoe said. "We need to do something about that." He says he will look into available options once the current Covid-19 crisis subsides and will develop a plan if elected.

Water — "There is no way in the world they will ship water out of here if I am commissioner.

Pascoe vowed. "I would never vote for it. It would kill Saguache County and probably Alamosa." He said working in conjunction with the Rio Grande Water Conservation District is probably the best way to keep exporters at bay.

Marijuana — "I would not be a rubber stamp like what is being done now," Pascoe said. "If they are a viable operation, fine, but these guys come in here, grow illegally, put up shacks for houses then run after the first hard freeze, and we get to clean

up the mess."

While there is no issue if everything is done properly and the county benefits, he pointed out, illegal growers need to be prosecuted and kept out of the county. The best way to do this, he believes, is to place the code enforcement for the grows back under the auspices of the Sheriff's Office and under the control of a certified peace officer.

"That way they would have the authority to deal with it right then and there," Pascoe observed. "The sheriff also would like to see this done."

New jail — "To me, and I say this as Sgt. Pascoe, one of the biggest issues is the jail. I did some research and the average life of a jail is 25-50 years," (the Saguache County Jail was built in the 1950s). "It is a liability to the county and is going to get us sued."

Red Flag law — "People also have asked me about the Red Flag law. The way it is written now I could never support it. If it was taken to the Supreme Court the way it is written, it would be eaten alive. In my opinion there is no way you could even make it constitutional."

Economic growth — Pascoe also said he would like to invite businesses and light industry into the county other than legal marijuana enterprises. "We need something in here that pays more than minimum wage," he said. "Major studies need to be done on this."

Currently Pascoe is on leave from the Saguache County Sheriff's Office owing to a work-related injury. While he hopes to remain in law enforcement, if medically disqualified he plans to open a business in Moffat.

## THOMPSON

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for ScSEED (Saguache County Sustainable Energy and Economic Development) since 2014. I currently work at the Rio Grande Hospital Emergency Room as the ward clerk. I have been there for the past three years.

I have been actively involved with Saguache County for the last 27 years and feel that I have a very strong understanding of the people and issues of our county.

My areas of concern in pursuing this position are the following:

Water — I am totally against any exporting of our water.

County budget — I am aware of the past two County Administrator's concerns. As commissioner I would get a more in-depth and detailed understanding of those concerns and try to solve whatever the problems could be.

For me, working with the numbers that come out of the current census will be very telling. We are aware of the current population growth in our county and once we have a more

exact picture of that growth we can seriously look at what services will be needed to accommodate that growth.

I will be placing some future ads in the various valley newspapers and they will contain my website information. Campaigning under the current conditions is challenging. I would appreciate your vote in June.

In the meantime, stay safe, healthy and happy.

Thank you, Lynne Thompson  
719-754-9163

	Peak infections		Peak non-ICU hospitalizations		Peak ICU hospitalizations	
	Num*	Date	Num*	Date	Num*	Date
Scenario A – relax to 35% SD	151,000	07/10/2020	51,000	07/17/2020	20,200	07/21/2020
Scenario A – relax to 45% SD	111,000	07/26/2020	38,400	08/02/2020	15,600	08/07/2020
Scenario A – relax to 55% SD	65,600	08/24/2020	23,200	08/31/2020	9,670	09/06/2020
Scenario A – relax to 60% SD	41,800	09/18/2020	14,900	09/26/2020	6,330	10/02/2020
Scenario A – relax to 65% SD	19,800	10/30/2020	7,140	11/07/2020	3,070	11/13/2020

## POLIS

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care needs. Restaurants and bars remain closed with the continuance of takeout and delivery. Personal services can be open which include salons, tattoo parlors, dog grooming and personal training, etc. with strict precautions. Childcare centers can be open but again with strict precautions.

Vulnerable populations and seniors must continue staying home except when absolutely necessary and K-12 school districts and postsecondary institutions will continue to suspend normal in-person instruction until the end of the school year.

Governor Polis stated that Coloradans in every corner of our state have stepped up and taken responsible steps to help bend the curve of this pandemic and we are grateful for these shared efforts that helped save lives and slow the spread. The deadly virus will continue to be with us, and we must wear masks and socialize less to avoid its rapid growth. For seniors and those with pre-existing conditions, it's important to stay home whenever possible through May. Though we are moving into a sustainable way of living during this pandemic, there are tough days ahead," said Governor Jared Polis. "This is a marathon - not a sprint, which was the easy part - now we need to pace ourselves and these distancing measures need to be sustainable. We're going to have to learn to live with coronavirus for a while, but we must live not with anxiety or fear, but with extreme caution, especially if you are a member of a vulnerable population. I am thrilled that we are on the path to a sustainable way of living more safely, but that doesn't mean there isn't the potential that we have to return to a more cautious approach if the state sees a spike in new cases."

The Governor discussed new modeling showing the state will not need to extend the Stay-at-Home order that is set to expire April 26 but will need to continue a variety of long-term social distancing

measures. The modeling shows that the Stay-at-Home order has reduced social interactions by 75-80% since it went into effect. Currently, Colorado has over 10,000 reported cases, however, the state believes the real number is closer to 65,000-75,000 Coloradans -- about 1.1%-1.3% of the population.

There are three levels of social distancing, which include: Staying at Home, Safer at Home and Protect our Neighbors. On April 27, the state will be moving into the "Safer-at-Home" phase. During this phase Coloradans will no longer be ordered to stay home but are still strongly encouraged to do so.

### Scenarios Moving Forward - Social distancing alone (Scenario A) is not sufficient moving forward:

- Scenario A. Maintaining a sustainable level of social distancing by the general public.
- Scenario B. Maintaining a sustainable level of social distancing by the general public plus advise older adults (age>60) to maintain high levels of social distancing.
- Scenario C. Maintaining a sustainable level of social distancing and promote mask wearing by the public.
- Scenario D. Maintaining a sustainable level of social distancing and pursue aggressive case detection and containment.
- Scenario E. Maintaining a sustainable level of social distancing, promote mask wearing and pursue aggressive case detection/containment (scenarios A + C + D).
- Scenario F. Maintaining a sustainable level of social distancing, promote mask wearing, pursue aggressive case detection/containment and recommend older adults maintain high levels of social distancing (scenarios A + B + C + D).

It's important to note that there may be a fluctuation between the levels to recovery from outbreaks, meaning that Colorado could return to the Stay-at-Home phase if there is a significant increase in cases or spread of the virus.

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# IMPACT

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these airports receive CARES funding? Because they have a huge economic impact to local economies and they have been dramatically impacted by the COVID-19 crisis.

The economic impact that even smaller airports provide to rural communities is often overlooked. Many rural resort communities often have a Local Option Tax (LOT) that is used exclusively to subsidize airlines providing direct service to the resort community during peak tourism periods. Often these commercial passenger flights also carry business air cargo to these rural areas providing additional economic impact beyond tourism spending.

In late February 2020, the Colorado Aviation Economic Impact Study was released. According to the study, "The Colorado public-use airport system supports and contributes to the state and regional economies of Colorado. The airports themselves are important job centers and gateways for out-of-state visitors to reach all corners of the state. Both the operation of airports (including airport administration, airport tenants and construction activity) and visitor spending from those using both commercial airline service and general aviation (GA) aircraft and airports contribute to the state's economy. Colorado has been estimating the contribution of its airports to the state economy approximately every five years since 1996."

The importance of passenger/tourism flights to resort areas is displayed by Durango La Plata and Gunnison-Crested Butte regional airports. The Study found in La Plata County, Durango La Plata County airport has a regional economic impact of \$293.6 million and provides 2,707 direct and indirect jobs in the region. Gunnison-Crested Butte regional airport has a regional economic impact of \$121.88 million and provides 1,054 direct and indirect jobs.

The Study found that the San Luis Valley Regional airport has an annual economic impact in the San Luis Valley of \$35.3 million and provides 229 direct and indirect local jobs. Monte Vista Airport has a \$1.05 million economic impact and provides 10 direct and indirect jobs. Stevens Field in Pagosa Springs has a regional economic impact of \$6.63 million and provides 43 direct and indirect jobs.

**Explanation of the data findings:**

- According to the Study the

Individual Airport Impacts			
Annual On-Airport Economic Impacts for ALS		Annual Off-Airport Visitor Spending Economic Impacts for ALS	
Direct	Supplier Sales	Income Re-Spending	Jobs
Jobs: 76	37	64	38
Payroll: \$3,838,000	\$2,320,000	\$3,042,000	Payroll: \$844,000
Value Added: \$6,024,000	\$1,325,000	\$5,913,000	Value Added: \$1,384,000
Business Revenues: \$15,882,000	\$5,450,000	\$9,248,000	Business Revenues: \$2,564,000

San Luis Valley Regional's Total Impacts			
	Jobs	Payroll	Value Added
On-Airport Activity	177	\$9,200,000	\$14,862,000
Visitor Spending	52	\$1,594,000	\$2,669,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>\$10.79 Million</b>	<b>\$17.53 Million</b>

The San Luis Valley Regional airport has an annual economic impact in the San Luis Valley of \$35.3 million and provides 229 direct and indirect local jobs.

businesses and airport jobs "on" airport make up the direct jobs, those in turn support supplier sales jobs and "income re-spending" are jobs supported by the business, construction and operations on-airport property. "Off" airport jobs are due to visitors from out-of-state that visit the area and spend money in the community/region. Those in turn support additional jobs through "supplier sales" and "income-re-spending" for a total supported by visitor spending jobs primarily catering to tourism. Pilots and flight attendants would not be counted in the direct numbers for the on-airport calculation unless the airline reported them as being based at the airport which would not typically be the case. Typically on-airport jobs associated with airlines include ticket/ramp agents and baggage handlers working on the airport.

- Generally speaking business revenues in the case of any business jobs such as rental car or concessions, business revenues would be the revenue the business received due to each job. Below are the definitions from the study's methodology, please let me know if you have any other questions:

- Economic Impact Categories - On-airport and visitor related activities represent the direct effects of airport operations on the Colorado economy which include both on and off-airport impacts. These direct effects generate additional impacts, which are composed of supplier-based purchases of goods and services, and the impacts of income circulating the regional economy from new consumer expenditures. Supplier impacts are generated from the purchases of goods

and services made by airport-based businesses, on-airport public sector agencies, and businesses in the state's hospitality industries. These purchases are effectively business sales earned by supplier companies that are located across the state. The income re-spending impacts are derived from direct and supplier businesses that hire additional workers to meet the demand for airport and visitor services. Payroll earned by workers in businesses that benefit from direct or supplier business revenues lead to further spending by households. Additional business revenues, payroll, and jobs are supported as this income re-spending circulates within the region. When the total economic impacts are presented, they represent the summation of the direct, supplier and income re-spending effects for the state.

- Economic Impact Measures

Individual Airport Impacts			
Annual On-Airport Economic Impacts for MVI		Annual Off-Airport Visitor Spending Economic Impacts for MVI	
Direct	Supplier Sales	Income Re-Spending	Jobs
Jobs: 5	0	1	Jobs: 2
Payroll: \$225,000	\$65,000	\$82,000	Payroll: \$41,000
Value Added: \$234,000	\$91,000	\$149,000	Value Added: \$69,000
Business Revenues: \$430,000	\$150,000	\$251,000	Business Revenues: \$121,000

Monte Vista Municipal's Total Impacts			
	Jobs	Payroll	Value Added
On-Airport Activity	6	\$372,000	\$474,000
Visitor Spending	4	\$77,000	\$126,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>\$449,000</b>	<b>\$600,000</b>

Monte Vista Airport has a \$1.05 million economic impact and provides 10 direct and indirect jobs.

The direct, supplier and income re-spending impacts are defined using the following economic measures:

- Business Revenues: Direct business revenues incorporate expenditures needed to administer airports, sales of goods and services by airport tenants, budget expenditures by public sector agencies located on airports, the cost of capital expenditures, and visitor spending in Colorado's hospitality-related sectors. This is also commonly referred to as business "output" or sales.
- Value Added: Value added measures the economic productivity of each aviation-related business establishment in Colorado (for purposes of the CEIS), calculated as business revenues earned minus the costs of purchasing goods and services from other businesses. Value added is a company or industry contribution to Colorado's Gross

Regional (or State) Product, which is a local concept synonymous with gross domestic product (GDP). It includes all labor compensation, profits and business taxes paid.

- Payroll: For this study payroll is defined as total employment compensation, including wages and other benefits (e.g., health care insurance payments, retirement contributions, etc.). Payroll is a subset of value added. This is also known as "labor income" or "total compensation."
- Jobs are the total number of persons employed that are associated with business revenues and payroll, regardless of whether they are fulltime or part time.

The statewide Colorado Aviation Economic Impact Study can be found at <https://www.coloradoaviationsystem.com/draft-materials/>

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# YOUR NIGHT SKY

## Bright spring triangle



Since the new moon is on the 23rd, and the first quarter is on the 30th, we have a fabulous week and a half to look at the night sky. Planet Venus is going to reach its greatest brightness for the year on the 27th. It is the third brightest object in the sky after the Sun and moon, and I love to look at it. It'll be visible until June 13, and then it will be too close to us in its orbit for the Sun to light it up.

When it gets closer to us is when it gets to be three times brighter, even though at that point only about 25 percent of it is visible. And when it gets that close to us, the Sun only illuminates a small part of it for us to look at. The reason it's so bright is because it's covered with a thick blanket of clouds that reflect so much sunlight into space. If you look at it with binoculars you'll probably be able to see its shape, so be sure to look at Venus in the early evening.

Spring is galaxy season, but most require telescopes or binoculars. The constellation Virgo the Virgin is the only female constellation along the celestial equator that the Sun travels along. She is loaded with galaxies. I wrote about her last year in April, so I won't go into details. It's the second largest constellation in our sky with 13 stars and is best viewed May and June when it's highest in the sky. It's in the SSE about half way up in the sky, and appears to be laying on her side with her head to the right and her legs to the left.

Virgo is actually surrounded by the spring Triangle which contains the 3 brightest stars in the spring Sky. Arcturus in Bootes the Bear is at the upper left, Spica is the lower center which is part of Virgo, and Regulus is the upper right in Leo the Lion. It's big and covers most of the SE sky in early spring, and SW sky in late spring as it moves.

Spica marks an ear of wheat held in Virgo's hand. It's 260 Ly away and is actually 2 stars that rotate each other varying its brightness depending on which star is in front. Although her other stars aren't bright, she makes up for it with all the galaxies she contains. When we look at her, we are looking out of our galaxy toward the Virgo cluster of more than 2,000 galaxies to the upper right of Virgo.

It is the closest group of galaxies to our Milky Way. Its gravitational force is so strong that it's actually slowly pulling our galaxy toward it.

M 87 is a giant elliptical galaxy which lies at the heart of Virgo's cluster at her upper right. It shines at 8.1 and lays some 50 million LY away. M 104 the Sombrero Galaxy is a bright galaxy 28 million lightyears away, so it's much closer. It basically lies flat, so we're looking at its flat side. To find it, just look to the lower center of Virgo. These are the 2 you may see unaided because of our beautiful clear dark skies. If you have a telescope, take it out to observe all of them, or try using binoculars. Aided vision will show you more of the details.

# Final 2020 Census mailings to arrive this month

Respond online, by phone or mail

**ALAMOSA** - Households in the San Luis Valley that received a 2020 Census invitation in the mail and have yet to respond should expect a paper questionnaire in the mail by April 30. Those households can still respond online, by telephone, or they can return the questionnaire by mail in the enclosed envelope.

The rate of households in the San Luis Valley to respond to the 2020 Census is far below Colorado's response rate of 54.5 percent, and the national rate of 50.7 percent. Colorado has the 11th highest response rate in the country.

As of April 19, no county in the San Luis Valley had a response rate above 50 percent. Alamosa County had the highest response rate at 43.7 percent. Next was Rio Grande County with 38.3 percent, followed by Conejos County, 19 percent; Saguache County, 15.4 percent;

Mineral County, 15 percent; and Costilla County, 8.7 percent.

It has never been easier to respond to the 2020 Census. San Luis Valley households are encouraged to respond on their own as soon as possible – as the U.S. Census Bureau notes “all without having to meet a census taker.” Residents are able to respond online at [www.my2020census.gov](http://www.my2020census.gov), or by phone at 1 (844) 330-2020. Responses can also be done by simply returning a census questionnaire in the mail.

The 2020 Census is a short questionnaire of 10 questions about who lives in a household as of April 1, 2020. Data from the census is used to determine the number of seats each state has in the U.S.

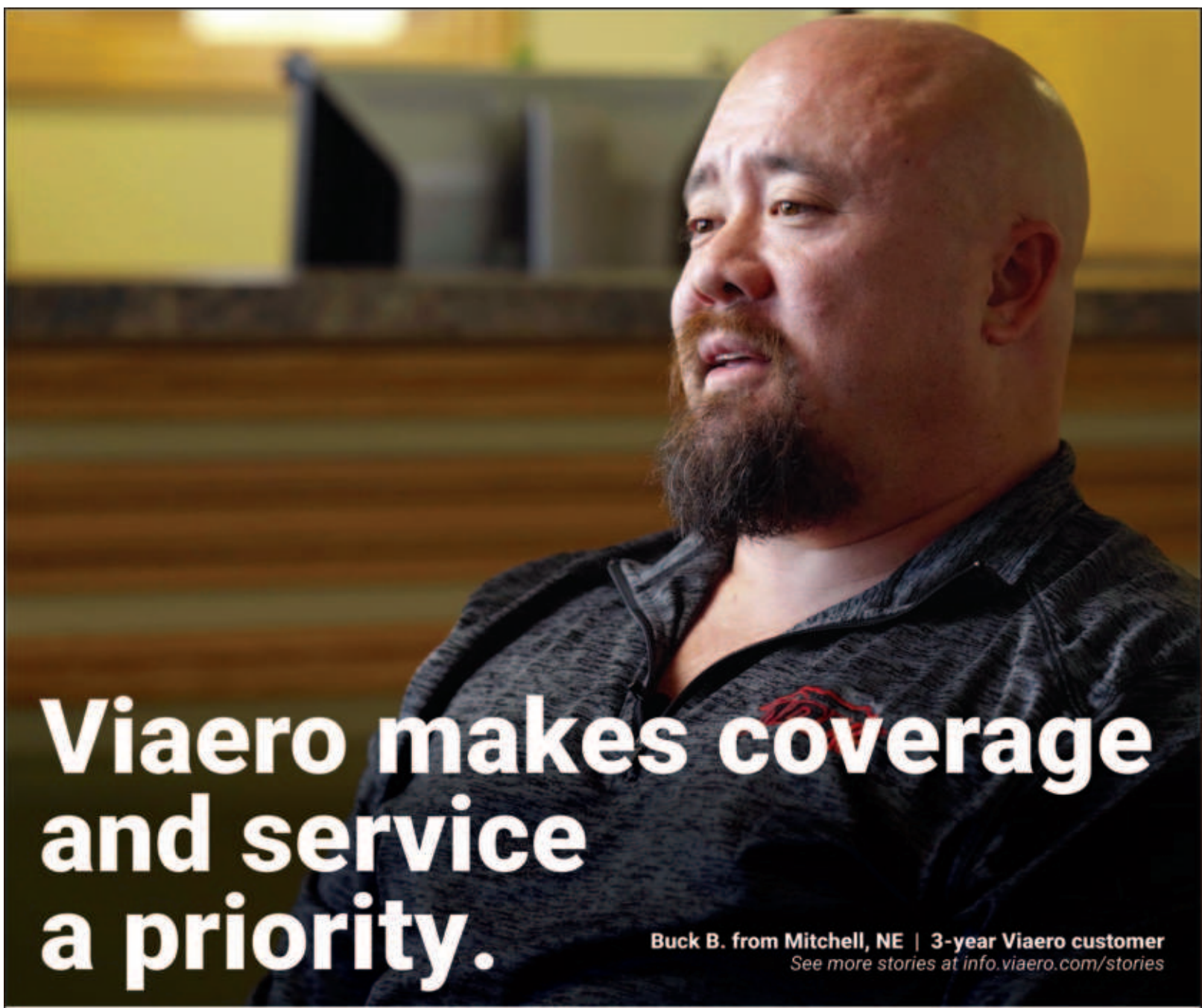
House of Representatives, and how billions of dollars in federal funding is distributed to states and communities across the country for the next decade. Individual responses to the census are confidential and protected by law.

2020 Census Response Rates	
County	%
Alamosa	43.7
Conejos	19
Costilla	8.7
Mineral	15
Rio Grande	38.3
Saguache	15.4
<b>Colorado</b>	<b>54.5</b>
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Households that have not responded should expect to receive a final reminder invitation (postcard) in the mail in early May. The Census Bureau is taking steps to reactivate field data collection operations after

June 1, 2020, after when, census takers will be sent to visit households that have not yet responded to the 2020 Census to help them complete questionnaires.

The deadline to respond to the 2020 Census is Aug. 13, 2020.



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## Colorado Parks and Wildlife working hard to protect fishing opportunities during COVID-19 pandemic

**COLORADO**— Colorado Parks and Wildlife’s Aquatics section is working hard during the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure fishing opportunities are still available this coming season and beyond in Colorado. “Fish populations across the state are strong,” said Matt Nicholl, Aquatic Section Manager for CPW. “Warm water species such as post-spawn walleye are feeding well. Pre-spawn bass fishing is starting to pick up. These species can be found in many of the lower elevations reservoirs across Colorado. Cold water species such as rainbow trout and brown trout can be targeted in many of our mountain streams and reservoirs.”

With the current health situation, CPW suggests fishing close to home and practicing social distancing while enjoying our exceptional aquatic resources.

Here’s how CPW has been handling this year’s unique situation for some of our most popular fish:

### Utilizing Nanita Lake cutthroat trout for stocking

The Glenwood Springs Hatchery is attempting to produce at least 600,000 eyed eggs for the CPW



Courtesy photo

**3-year-old Nanita Lake cutthroats during the first fish sort of the spawning season. The female fish full of eggs is on the right and the smaller, brightly colored male on the left.**

hatchery system to utilize for stocking. Nanita Lake cutthroats are a subspecies of Colorado River cutthroat trout named for Nanita Lake in Rocky Mountain National Park, which provided the original broodstock for the hatchery. This strain of cutthroat is used extensively on Colorado’s Western Slope for high elevation recreational fish stocking. Most of the eggs from the spawn at Glenwood Springs will be stocked as fish in remote waters, some being

transported in backpacks and some being stocked by airplane.

### Rio Grande cutthroat spawn at Pitkin Hatchery

The Pitkin Hatchery is on track to take 250,000 Rio Grande cutthroat eggs this year. All of the green eggs taken from this spawn go to the Monte Vista Isolation building for hatching. The fish hatched from these eggs will be stocked in high elevation waters. **Please see FISHING on Page 2**



## COVID-19 Update, Gov. Polis issues executive order for face masks

By TREY SPAULDING

**COLORADO** - April 20, 2020 - Over the past weekend the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in the San Luis Valley increased to 24. So far there have been two COVID-19 related deaths in Alamosa County. Of the 24 confirmed cases, 18 have completed their isolation and have not shown symptoms for at least 72 hours. In the SLV there have been nine hospitalizations with two of these hospitalizations unfortunately resulting in death.

Friday, April 17, Colorado Governor Polis issued an Executive

Order stating that workers at critical businesses are to wear nonmedical face coverings while at work and wear gloves when in contact with customers and/or consumer goods such as groceries. “Workers in Critical Businesses and Critical Government Functions, as such terms are defined in PHO 20-24, as amended, where workers interact in close proximity with other employees or with the public are to wear medical or nonmedical cloth face coverings that cover the nose and mouth while working, except where doing so

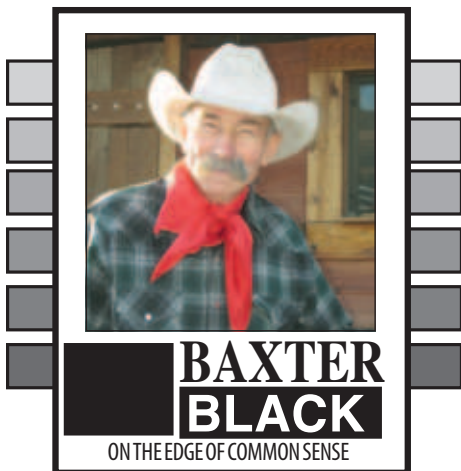
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## Brushes with fame

Over the years I have gotten to know, or meet or hang out with, what I call ‘famous people’. From movie stars, politicians, world champions, athletes, writers and moguls. Often it was just circumstance. Other times it was an intentional connection. Like being invited to be on ABC’s first DOLLY PARTON SHOW. What I remember is how small she was in person and how she could play guitar with such long fingernails. She was also very kind to Little Richard, who couldn’t get his song right after 25 takes!

Or when I sent the manuscript of my first novel, “HEY COWBOY, WANNA GET LUCKY?” to five authors I most admired: Tom Robbins, Thomas McGuane, Hunter S. Thompson, Dan Jenkins and John Nichols. I didn’t realize the disposition of unsolicited manuscripts...the trash can! But...Tom Robbins (“EVEN COWGIRLS GET THE BLUES”) wrote me back, quoted me to myself and gave me his agent!

I took a shot in the dark and gave the Sunbeam Clipper salesman a cassette of songs I’d written because he claimed he knew Lynn Anderson. Months later, Red Steagall...the real Red Steagall, called me and said he liked one of my songs. He didn’t know about Lynn Anderson but he said the Sunbeam clipper salesman gave it to him. Red has become one of my best friends. He introduced me



to Reba McEntire when she was driving a Chevy van with a pick-up band. They did a show together in Ft. Worth Stockyard. I held her horse. Jack, Red’s bus driver, got to hold Red’s horse. Jack claimed to be the cowboy in Gordon Snidow’s Coors painting. Gordon denied it.

Ed Bruce (wrote “Mamas, Don’t Let Your Babies Grow Up to be Cowboys”), took pity on me. He got me on the Ralph Emery Show. After the show we went to dinner. They asked if there’s anything else that could make it better. I said it would be nice if somebody famous would record one of my songs. His

wife said, “Every poet thinks he’s a songwriter, every songwriter thinks he’s a singer, ever singer thinks he’s an actor...why can’t you just be happy with what you’re good at!”

I walked into a restaurant in Denver, and saw Denny Gentry, the man who literally made team roping the most popular rodeo sport in the world! He drew out his plan for the USTRC on an envelope. “Whattya think?” he asked. I said that I didn’t think any two team ropers could ever agree on something that good and walked off. He sold it for multiple millions 20 years later.

So...when Patrick Gottsch (inventor of the RFDtv empire) called me up and described his vision for an all agriculture/rural television network, I listened. He told me what he needed from me. I asked if this was a payin’ job. He said, “No, but it will be good for your career!” I said, “Sign me up.” RFDtv has changed agricultural marketing and become the ‘party line’ for ag neighbors across the country and I’m a part of it!

Walt Garrison, Dallas Cowboy professional football player and rodeo champion, does my poetry. According to his daughter, Slim Pickens reads my column, Ty Murray did one of my poems at Freckles Brown’s funeral, Senator Conrad (ND) read one into the Congressional Record, Tom Daschle (SD) Speaker of the US House of Representatives,

asked me to do public service spots after the blizzard of ’97.

I’ve changed John Malone’s tire on his ranch in Raton, NM. He’s the biggest landholder in the U.S., I made Johnny Carson laugh, roped with Fred Whitfield (he laughed!), I get my blood sugar evaluations from Wilfred Brimley, I’ve traded horses with Larry Mahan, been recorded by Ian Tyson, been quoted by Sandra Day O’Connor, Paul Harvey and Charles Krauthamer (in his last book) and shared a champagne glass with Casey Tibbs sittin’ by a campfire at two o’clock in the morning...just me and him.

Thos of you who have watched the movie “Forrest Gump” remember him as a just a regular guy who seemed to pop up in photos with presidents, performers and kings in photos, earthquakes and county fairs. I really liked that movie, I can relate to ol’ Forrest.

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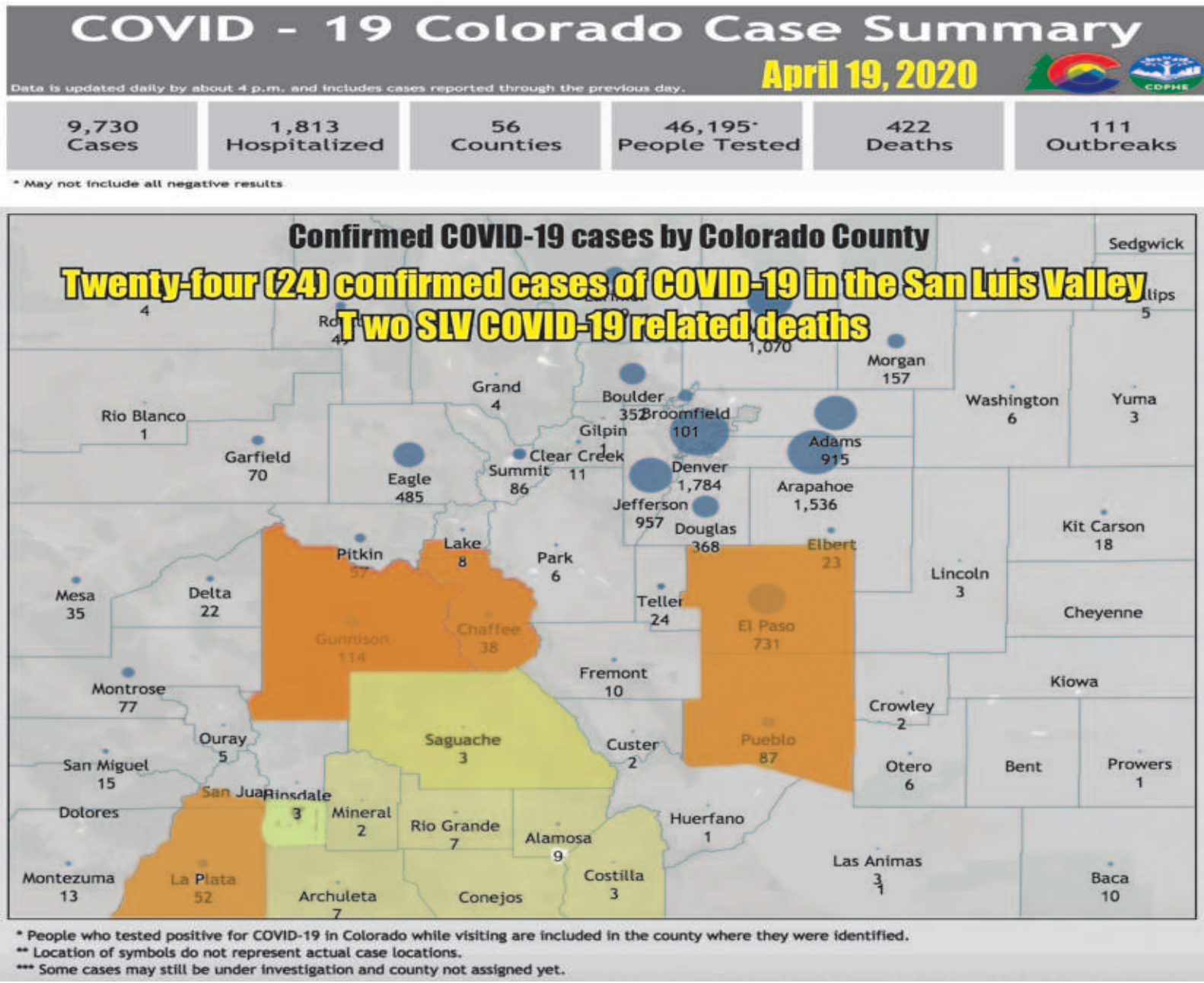
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would inhibit that individual's health and to the extent possible, wear gloves when in contact with customers or goods if gloves are provided to workers by their employer. Nothing in this Executive Order should be construed to prevent workers in Critical Businesses and Critical Government Functions from wearing a surgical-grade mask or other, more protective face covering to cover the nose and mouth if that type of mask or more protective face covering is required because of the nature of the work performed. This Executive Order shall expire thirty (30) days from April 17, 2020, unless extended further by Executive Order."

Colorado residents remain under a stay-at-home order for nonessential workers until at least Sunday, April 26. President Trump's federal guidance stay-at-home order lasts through April 30 although he has stated that it is up to the individual states to determine when orders are lifted.

Monday, April 20, the Colorado health care officials confirmed COVID-19 cases are approaching 10,000 with 9,730 cases April 19. The San Luis Valley continues to have a shortage in COVID-19 test kits with only one-third of 1 percent of the population being tested.

According to the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, new unemployment claims in the San Luis Valley totaled 693 from March 7 - April 4, 2020, which is the equivalent to 1.5 percent of the Valley's population.



## Adams State Theatre brings virtual performance to you

ALAMOSA - The Adams State University Theatre Department presents a performance designed to fit the unique times in which we live.

On April 23, Adams State will bring theatre to where you are. Please join ASU Theatre for this free event taking place on our department's Facebook and Instagram pages. Starting at 7:30 p.m., our current students, alumni, and faculty join together to present an evening of virtual theatre featuring new works and original solo performances.

"While we won't be performing on our stage for an audience gathered together on our campus, we are excited to bring theatre to where our audience

is," said John H. Taylor, director of theatre.

Reaching Through the Distance will present a series of filmed monologues written and performed by members of the theatre program including faculty and alumni. The short solo pieces deal with diverse topics and may contain mature subject matter.

"I am excited that this production brings together members of our ASU theatre family, including six alumni, to collaborate and create together even in a time of social distancing. With the internet as our stage, we are honored to take part in the ongoing 2,500-year-old tradition of theatre as a source of

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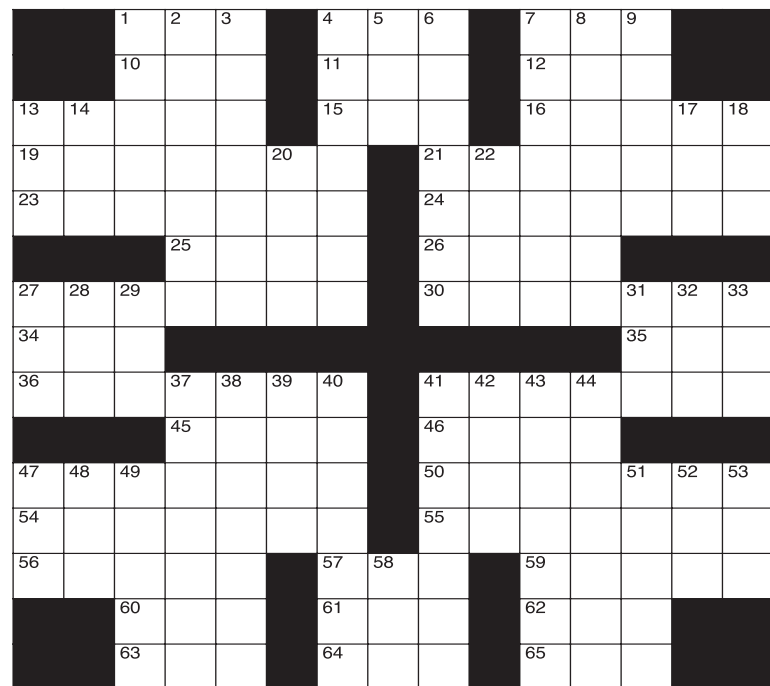
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15. Chinese-American actress Ling
16. Edible stomach lining
19. Sunrooms
21. Feared
23. Most eager
24. Excessive chatting session
25. MLB ace
26. Major Central European river
27. Muscular weaknesses
30. Where seedlings germinate
34. Former monetary unit of the EU
35. Personal ads abbreviation
36. Mythical animal
41. Members of Orthodox Jewish sect
45. German city
46. Algerian coastal city
47. Military men
50. Salt of sulfuric acid
54. Rhododendrons
55. Mixture
56. Recommended quantities
57. 007's creator
59. Men



60. Kids need it
61. Midway between east and east-northeast
62. OJ trial judge
63. Yes vote
64. USDA branch that manages the FCIC
65. Create with cloth
22. Abnormal rattling sound
27. Make lively
28. A team's best pitcher
29. It goes on the floor
31. Not good
32. Peyton's little brother
33. Barrier that holds back water

### DOWN

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2. What's owed
3. Sound systems
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5. Southern constellation
6. London and Brooklyn are two
7. One-time Ugandan capital
8. Attacked with bombs
9. Rebuke
13. Expression of disappointment
14. A way to work the soil
17. The human foot
18. Sun up in New York
20. A small island
37. Move quickly
38. Deteriorate with age
39. Colorless crystalline compound
40. Cheekier
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42. Famed boxing promoter
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# Colorado Wildlife Habitat Program 2020 Request for Proposals (RFP) Now Open

**COLORADO** - Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) announced the 2020 Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Colorado Wildlife Habitat Program (CWHP). The CWHP is a statewide program that supports CPW's mission by offering funding opportunities to private landowners who wish to voluntarily protect important wildlife habitats on their property, and/or provide wildlife-related recreational access to the public.

The CWHP is an incentive-based and voluntary program that uses conservation easements, public access easements, and in limited circumstances, fee title purchases to accomplish

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waters throughout the Rio Grande River drainage, many by air-plane or backpack.

### Stocking rainbow trout in Lamar

On March 19, CPW stocked more than 6,000 10-inch rainbow trout in five different lakes near Lamar (Jacksons pond, Northgate 2 and 3, Turks Pond, and Blackhole). These fish will provide excellent early season opportunities for anglers on Colorado's eastern plains.

### Kokanee salmon

On the Dolores River, 200,000 kokanee fry were released into the river the week of April 13 and will make their way about 10 miles downstream to McPhee Reservoir.

### Whirling Disease resistant trout in the Arkansas River

Late in February, Salida Aquatic biologist Michael Atwood, with the help of Trout Unlimited volunteers and Mount Shavano Fish Hatchery staff, marked 22,000 Gunnison River rainbow trout that show some resistance to whirling disease. The fish are marked by clipping the adipose fin off the fish. By marking these fish, Michael will be able to determine how many of these fish have survived and what their growth rates look like. This was the fourth consecutive year marking these fish. These fish will be stocked into the Arkansas River near Salida with the goal of developing a self-sustaining rainbow trout fishery.

### Walleye spawn

Aquatic biologists and a select few volunteers spawned enough fish to supply walleye to our brood lakes (Pueblo, Cherry Creek and Chatfield reservoirs). The brood waters help maintain the valuable resources that ultimately serve as the supply chain for walleye across the state. An estimated 5.3 million fertilized eggs were collected from Lake Pueblo that were delivered to the Pueblo Fish Hatchery. Cherry Creek produced 1.2 million eggs, which were delivered to the Wray Fish Hatchery. CPW has already stocked 3.5 million fry into Pueblo Reservoir and our hatchery section is working with other states to potentially come up with more fish to stock into our brood lakes.

### Rainbow broodfish stocking across the state

Brood rainbow trout ranging in length from 14-17" have recently been stocked across the state. In southeast Colorado, Frantz Lake and the Arkansas River were stocked.

### Largemouth bass stocking on Western Slope

Brood largemouth bass that are no longer needed at the Las Animas Fish Hatchery will be making their

strategic wildlife conservation goals and/or public access goals. Priority is given to proposals for conservation easements and public access easements over fee title purchases (per CPW policy and Title 33-4-102.7 C.R.S.).

Funding for the 2020 cycle is approximately \$11 million and is made possible through a conservation partnership with Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) and from revenue generated through the sale of habitat stamps.

### To Apply

To apply, a landowner, or his/her designee, must complete a project proposal form ("Proposal") that ad-

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dresses one or more of the following Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission ("Commission") 2020 funding priorities:

Public access for hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing

Big game winter range and migration corridors

Protecting habitat for species of concern (specifically those Species of Greatest Conservation Need, as identified in the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Statewide Action Plan)

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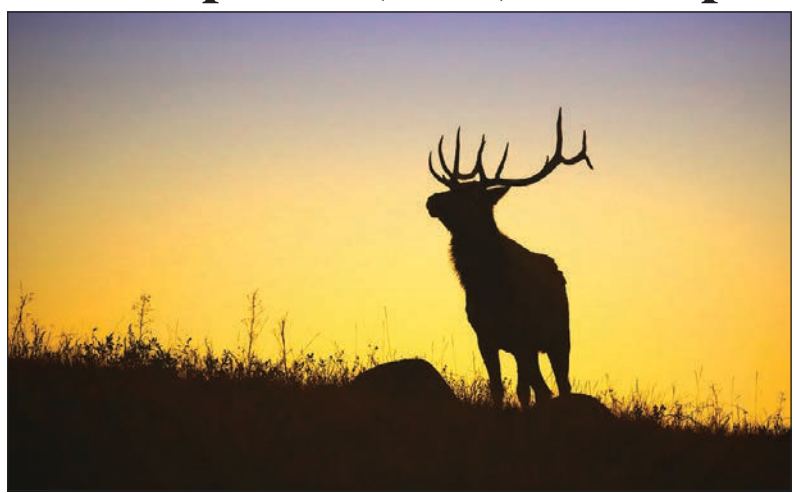
Landscape-scale parcels and parcels that provide connectivity to conserved lands

All application materials will be available on or before Wednesday, April 15, 2019, through the following CPW webpage: <http://cpw.state.co.us/aboutus/Pages/LandWaterCWHP.aspx>

Proposals will be accepted until 5 p.m. Monday, May 18, 2019

Completed Proposals are to be emailed to: [Wildlife.RealEstateProposals@state.co.us](mailto:Wildlife.RealEstateProposals@state.co.us)

Applicants will receive a confirmation email acknowledging receipt of



Proposals.

It is not required that CPW hold conservation easements funded through the CWHP. A landowner may request a land trust, local government, or other conservation organization (collectively, "Third Party,") to submit a Proposal on his/her behalf. If the Proposal involves a conservation easement to be held by a Third Party, the entity must be qualified to hold conservation easements under federal and state law.

### Contact Information

For additional information about the CWHP or application process, please contact: Amanda Nims, Land Protection Specialist and Program Manager, CWHP

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# Close Quarters: Avoiding inter-pet aggression during quarantine

With much of the nation under stay-at-home orders, cabin fever is at an all-time high. Cohabiting with our loved ones and furry friends provides many benefits but being in close quarters for extended periods of time can be difficult—for humans and their animals.

Dr. Christine Rutter, a clinical assistant professor at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, is an emergency and critical care specialist who has plenty of experience with dogs, both at work and at home. She talks about the challenges pets may face in the COVID-19 era and how owners can help by providing structure to their pets through routine.

“(In the Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital) I’m seeing a different subset of emergencies because people are home,” Rutter said. “I’m seeing a lot of inter-pet aggression, such as big dog-little dog injuries or big dog-cat injuries; those kinds of things. Pets take their anxiety out the same way we do, which is on the people around us or on the pets around us.”

Just as humans have found the disruption of daily life to be stressful and upsetting, pets have also picked up on the change. Rutter says it is important to provide pets with a strong routine to minimize their stress and reduce the risk of inter-pet aggression. One excellent outlet that can benefit both pet and owner is exercise.

“A walk provides a really important behavioral structure between an owner and a dog,” Rutter said. “It tells them, ‘I’m the leader; I’m taking care of you. You don’t have to be anxious about all of this, because I’m in control.’”

Walking two dogs together also can be beneficial in fostering a peaceful household because it teaches them to work together. Rutter compares this dynamic to working with a coworker you may not like—the encounter creates a shared cooperative experience.

Owners may also use their extra time at home to touch-up on their pet’s training, which can provide structure and enrichment.

“It’s a great time to start teaching your dog tricks. It may seem superfluous to teach your pet to sit, to heel, to stay, or to roll over, but it actually provides a really good way of communication,” Rutter said. “That’s a really solid way for your pet to know that they’re making you happy, which is kind of what a lot of them live for, right?”

If pets do begin to behave aggressively toward each other, Rutter recommends watching for raised hackles (the hair along the dog’s backbone standing up), mounting behavior, having their ears perked straight up, and other dominant-type behaviors. Confrontation can be prevented by separating the animals, by using a basket muzzle, or by removing factors that spark conflict.

“Feed your pets separately, have toys enjoyed separately, and remove those items from the environment whenever animals are together that have had conflict,” Rutter said. “If the pets have ever had conflict in the past, they are going to continue to do so, and so, no food items, no possessions, toys or anything like that; all those things need to be separate.”

Pet owners can also help by reducing stress within their house-

hold.

“As a general rule, things that would be stressful for a child are also going to be stressful for an animal,” Rutter said. “For example, raised voices, lots of chaos in the environment, changing routines, and having kids at home who wouldn’t normally be at home all the time.”

In extreme situations, aggressive pets may become dangerous to their humans and especially to small children who are unable to pick up on signs of aggression. Rutter recommends that pet owners review the American Veterinary Medical Association website on dog bite prevention to learn more about safe practices.

“Animal bites can be very serious, regardless of how they look on the surface, and always require urgent care by a physician,” Rutter said. “Identifying and avoiding opportunities for injuries to adults, children, and other pets is key.”

If pet owners have any concerns about their animal’s behavior, they should strongly consider reaching out to a board-certified veterinary behaviorist. These specialists have a unique set of skills that help

them identify problem triggers and develop solutions for the whole household.

“Repeated, worsening, or dangerous situations are best handled

through professional care,” Rutter said.

Though the current situation is stressful for everyone—person and pet—monitoring your animal for

signs of conflict while providing enrichment and routine to their daily lives can help your furry family stay happy until more normal circumstances return.



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# CRT moves most of 2020 season to 2021

By **KEITH R. CERNY**

**CREEDE**—Due to the uncertainty of when the Covid-19 pandemic might end and make it safe for group gatherings, the Creede Repertory Theatre has announced major changes with the 2020 season, moving most of this year's offerings to 2021.

Executive Director John DiAntonio announced the move last week in an emailed letter to patrons.

"For 55 years, Creede Repertory Theatre has brought amazing stories to life," his email said. "We have weathered our share of storms and fires with the can-do spirit that defines CRT and the town of Creede.

"The CRT staff has spent the past weeks exploring every option to bring our 2020 Season of Belonging to life this summer. However, in discussion with our Creede community leaders, we have determined that a season of this scope is not possible at this time.

"With the health and safety of our patrons at the forefront, CRT has made the difficult decision to postpone our productions of *Fully Committed*, *The Roommate*, *Grounded*, *Annie*, *Oklahoma!*, and *The Importance of Being Earnest* to the 2021 summer season."

DiAntonio said that doesn't mean CRT is going dark this summer.

"More than ever, we believe our artists, audiences and students need the connection, creativity, and community that are the cornerstones of this theatre."

Unless total cancellation is called for, tentative plans call for "returning to our roots by strategizing a small, flexible season to open later this summer should it be safe and legal to do so. The CRT staff and town of Creede are blessed with a plethora of multitalented artists waiting in the wings to bring joy and connection back to our community.

More information on new 2020 Season offerings will be available in the upcoming weeks."



CRT is still weighing the possibility of postponing the July 31 Gala Fundraiser to the 2021 season. An announcement will be made when the new 2020 season details are available.

*Summer Day Camps* are still scheduled for July, though some changes to the camps offered is expected. New camp dates and titles will be announced in the coming weeks.

*The Kid Show*, originally scheduled for July, will now take place in August with the first rehearsal on July 21 and performances Aug. 6, 7 and 8.

The *Young Audience Outreach Tour* is currently moving forward as scheduled, keeping the health and safety of students and artists as the first priority.

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*The CRT Spring Solstice 10-Minute Play Challenge*: On Mondays, we drop the week's theme on Facebook. You have 48 hours to write and submit a 10-Minute play. We will select one

play to read on Facebook Live each Thursday. At the end of the Festival, our viewers will vote for their favorite play, which will be produced at our 10-Minute Play Festival, scheduled for September.

CRT's education department is releasing daily videos including workshops, *Cozy Corner* story-time with follow-up questions and activities, and *The Adventures of Sunny and Blue* (our resident Clowns). Check out **Education at Creede Rep** on Facebook for some fun with the kiddos, though we think it's pretty entertaining for adults, too!

In a note to ticket holders, DiAntonio said CRT staff will be reaching out to ticket holders beginning Monday, April 13 to discuss options regarding their tickets, including:

Exchanging your tickets for the 2021 Season.

Accepting a credit for a future production.

Donating the value of your ticket as a tax-deductible contribution to CRT, which will help us recover from the significant revenue losses we will experience as a result of COVID-19.

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