



## Sanders wins Colorado

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In Saguache County, Vermont Democrat Senator Bernie Sanders and President Donald J. Trump were the winners in Saguache County's Presidential Primary Election Tuesday.

Sanders garnered 51.72 percent of the Democratic vote, former vice president Joe Biden received 15.23 percent of the vote, Senator Elizabeth Warren 14.54 percent of the vote and Michael Bloomberg 14.37 percent. Senator Tulsi Gabbard came in at 1.12 percent but all other Democratic candidates received under 1 percent of the vote.

President Trump received 95.01 percent of the Republican vote, Joe Walsh 2.20 percent and Bill Weld 1.76 percent. All other Republican candidates received under 1 percent of the vote.

Democrats cast 1,162 votes in the election and Republicans cast 682 votes.

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## Attorney requests Moffat reconsider annexation

**BY TERESA L. BENNS**  
**SAGUACHE** — A letter written by Saguache County Attorney Ben Gibbons to the town of Moffat, presented to commissioners at their regular meeting March 3, requests the town reconsider its passage of an ordinance to annex POTCH LLC/ Area 420 acreage into the town.

The acreage annexed by the town is a series of lots designated for commercial marijuana cultivation. The town passed the ordinance annexing the property at its Feb. 5 meeting.

The town is instructed by Gibbons to consider the letter as an official motion from the Saguache County

Board of County Commissioners requesting the reconsideration. In his letter Gibbons also addresses several issues that have been questioned by those opposing the annexation.

The primary basis for the request is listed by Gibbons as "the objection to the use of County Road 59 as the basis for the contiguousness to the town for annexation purposes. As relayed to the town on several occasions, the county objects to the use of the county road for the purpose of what would be considered a 'flagpole' annexation."

"The county will not cede any rights to control the use of this road or the maintenance thereof; County Road 59 is a county asset and a major

traffic artery. The town is attempting to take a county asset without any remuneration for that asset nor assurance as to the continued level of maintenance and access for citizens and visitors to Saguache County."

Also cited in the letter were repeated statements by commissioners regarding the health and safety of Saguache County citizens should the property be annexed. Gibbons specifically states that "It appears that one of the specific intentions of the proposed annexation is to avoid county regulations and oversight of the municipal marijuana grow operations on the annexed property."

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Courtesy photo Saguache County Attorney Ben Gibbons.

## Resident asks Saguache County to close road 41G

**BY TERESA L. BENNS**  
**LA GARITA** — La Garita resident Kim Specht, who complained to Saguache County commissioners last month that nails are being dumped purposefully along County Road 41G where she lives with her partner Todd Rohr, is now asking the county to close the road.

Specht alleges that after a truck visited a neighbor's cabin recently in Carnero Canyon, there were "hundreds of nails in the road again. The nails are further down the road now."

She says this indicates that someone obviously knows surveillance has been increased around her home and has scheduled activities elsewhere. Specht also reports she has suffered another flat on her vehicle — the 20<sup>th</sup> in just a few months.

"I'm asking you to shut down our road until the road hazards have been cleaned up," she stated

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Courtesy photo La Garita resident Kimberly Specht said these nails and screws were collected by a neighbor from the road she lives on in Carnero Canyon, County Road 41G.

## Woelz receives Colorado Emergency Management award

Rio Grande County's Jim Clare also a recipient

**LOVELAND** — Saguache County Emergency Management Director Bobby Woelz received the

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Courtesy photo Saguache County Emergency Management Director Bobby Woelz poses with Colorado Emergency Management Association's President Alan Colon after receiving the Emergency Manager of the Year award.

## The need to address addiction early

Lethal dose: Fentanyl masquerading as common prescription drugs, Part 2

**BY TERESA L. BENNS**  
**COLORADO** — Fentanyl has taken center stage in Colorado, as the Northern Colorado Drug Task Force (NCDTF) recently reported eight fatal overdoses over a two-week time period due to Fentanyl-laced tablets. Dr. Hunter Kennedy, Executive Director of Footprints to Recovery stated recently.

Fentanyl is 40 to 50 times stronger than street-level heroin and up to 100 times stronger than morphine. It is the most potent member of the opiate family, and Kennedy fears that Colorado is on the verge of experiencing a fentanyl epidemic. His solution is multi-faceted individual treatment offered at his drug and alcohol treatment center in Centennial.

Footprints to Recovery is a nationwide collection of drug and alcohol treatment facilities that also

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Counterfeit Oxycodone containing fentanyl. The blue color with embossed "A 215" are meant to mimic prescription Oxycodone.

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# OBITUARY

## Jerry Schmidt, 85

**MONTE VISTA** —When Jerry Schmidt passed away March 1, 2020, at the age of 85, due to autoimmune liver disease, our world lost a truly wonderful and kind person. Born Sept. 8, 1934 in Santa Rita, Texas, Jerry was the second of eight daughters born to Joe and Elizabeth Christesson. Her father worked in the oil and gas industry which required frequent relocation of the family. By the time Jerry had graduated, she attended over 15 schools and ultimately ended up in Colorado where she spent the rest of her years. Jerry adored her family; she maintained close relationships with all of her sisters and grieved deeply when her beloved parents passed away.

Jerry met her husband Louis Schmidt at a rodeo in Fort Morgan, Colorado where Louis was competing in the calf roping division. They married April 17, 1955, in Fort Morgan where they spent their first two years as a family. Jerry and Louis then moved to Brush for a short while before settling on a wonderful ranch 20 miles East of Walsenburg, called Turkey Ridge. In 1973 the family moved back to Brush, Colorado and made their final move in 1976 to the San Luis Valley.

Jerry and Louis enjoyed taking care of Jerry's younger sisters during their summer breaks. Many wonderful memories were made during those summers. Jerry always had a huge heart and so much love for them, as they did for her. Not only did all her sisters love her dearly, their husbands loved her too! In the final months of her life, many of Jerry's sisters stood by and took care of her 24 hours a day. Their laughter brightened her soul and kept her happy right to the end.

Louis and Jerry had four children while living in Walsenburg; Minda Witt 1960, J.D. Schmidt 1962, Beth Sipes 1964 and Larry Schmidt 1965. Jerry raised her kids with joy and love. They miss her deeply and will cherish wonderful, lifelong memories of their mother.

Jerry's greatest joy was being an amazing partner to Louis Schmidt and a loving mother to her four children. She was a wonderful ranch wife, not only taking care of the home, but running the operations of the ranch.

Jerry also participated in the outdoor chores including running the swather and cutting many acres of alfalfa hay as well as taking care of many sheep, cattle and horses.

Aside from helping run the ranch, Jerry worked for The Monte Vista Journal selling advertising during the 1980s and 1990s. She enjoyed her job and built a strong community with all the people she met. She thoughtfully made meals for anyone in distress. She always had food on hand to prepare a casserole, jello salad (orange with mandarin oranges or lime with pears), a vegetable and a cake. Many people were touched by her thoughtfulness when life was not kind.

The Schmidt family attended church at the Church of Christ in all the



communities they lived in. Jerry was well loved by all at Central Church of Christ from 1976 until 2020. She is famous for making her homemade cream cheese mints for weddings, baby showers and other church get-togethers.

Jerry is preceded in death by her parents, her daughter Minda Witt and grandson John Schmidt. Jerry and Louis were devastated by the early loss of John and Minda. They were both extremely compassionate and generous people. She is survived by her husband Louis, her sons J.D. (Carla) of Monte Vista, Larry (Audrey) of La Jara and daughter Beth (Les) of Berthoud; 13 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sisters, Ginger Lee, Judy Moomey, Dee Barnes, Ethel Nugent, Libby Barnes, Debby Sawyer and Rhonda Attaway. She is also survived by her dear sister-in-law Helen Tormohlen. Jerry leaves many nieces, nephews, cousins and an abundance of dear friends.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, March 6, 2020, at the Central Church of Christ in Monte Vista, Colorado. In lieu of flowers, those who so desire may make memorial donations in memory of Jerry to the Central Church of Christ.

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

# SAGUACHE SHERIFF REPORT

The following information was provided by the Saguache County Sheriff's Office for the week of Feb. 24-March 2, 2020

### Arrests

Troy Curtis, 49, Saguache, violation of a restraining order  
Pedro Portillo, 27, homeless, fugitive of justice, unlawful distribution,

manufacture of a controlled substance, resisting arrest

John Sladek, 67, Saguache, fugitive of justice

Christopher Harvey, 39, Alamosa, failure to appear

Omar Prieto, 20, Center, failure to appear, two counts of fugitive of justice

Lucas Chavez, 41, Center, DUR, habitual offender

Daniel Hopkins, 32, Coaldale, fugitive of justice

### Citations

Shawn Pruitt, 39, Cedaredge, summons

Saguache Municipal Code, female juvenile, curfew violation

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## CLIPS FROM THE CLERK

### BY SAGUACHE COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER TRISH GILBERT

National Voter Registration Act (NVRA)

(Taken from the 52 USC 20506, 52 USC 10301; Part 5, Article 2 of Title 1, C.R.S.; Election Rule 2; Elections Policy Manual - Voter Registration)

Congress enacted the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, also known as "NVRA" or the "Motor Voter Act." The two main purposes of the NVRA are to:

Enhance voting opportunities for every American, and Remove the vestiges of

discrimination which have historically resulted in lower voter registration rates of minorities and persons with disabilities.

52 USC 20506, 52 USC 10301; Part 5, Article 2 of Title 1, C.R.S.; Election Rule 2; Elections Policy Manual - Voter Registration

NVRA requires states to provide: 1. Voter registration simultaneous with motor vehicle driver's license application or renewal (thus the nickname «Motor Voter»).

2. Agency-based voter registration at each agency that:

- Provides public assistance (including food stamps, Medicare and Medicaid, WIC and Colorado Works/unemployment assistance)

• Provides state-funded programs primarily for persons with disabilities, including institutions of higher education

• Recruits the armed forces Other federal, state, local government, or nongovernment offices may provide voter registration services if they choose.

Agency Forms (Taken from 52 USC 20506, 52 USC 10301; Part 5, Article 2 of Title 1, C.R.S.; Election Rule 2; Elections Policy Manual - Voter Registration):

The Secretary of State's Office works with the agencies to ensure that they are complying with the law and that they have enough

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7-9 p.m. - Keynote: Teddy Roosevelt as portrayed by Kurt Skinner - "I So Declare It!" • \$10



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# ADDICTION

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specialize in the treatment of co-occurring mental health disorders. Other centers are located in Illinois and New Jersey.

Statistics furnished by Kennedy show that more than six percent of the American population over the age of 11 misused a prescription drug in 2017, (National Institute on Drug Abuse, NIDA). The top classes of drugs misused include stimulants, opioids, and central nervous system depressant drugs, such as hypnotics, sedatives, and tranquilizers, NIDA further explains.

Kennedy's Centennial center offers a variety of program options that address each individual's specific needs. This integrated and individualized approach to treatment allows clients to begin their recovery with a fully customized treatment plan.

"At Footprints to Recovery we provide personalized care to address substance use and the co-occurrence of mental health," Kennedy commented last month. "Our care model places an emphasis on the mindful integration of traditional therapy, evidenced-based practice, and complementary approaches which aim to restore the balance and well-being of the whole person — mind, body, brain and spirit."

After fighting the "drug war" beginning in the 1970s, Kennedy notes, "We didn't win the war. Doctors and pharmacies created the problem and now they are cracking down on over-prescribing, so people are turning to the streets."

People come to his clinic, he says, who had no intention of ever becoming addicts. Addiction often is genetic and runs in families, he observed. With a genetically based addiction problem, "The addict has no stop sign — they are not able to put on the brakes." Use happens more frequently and the body and brain become more and more dependent. As the disease progresses, it actually changes body and brain chemistry.

"The individual gives control to another entity called the addict which feeds the addiction," Kennedy explained. "Addiction is all it cares about. When the addict is in control it's not the person making the decisions. How many people are hiding and going through this?"

He described the process many addicts go through in recovery as follows: After one month, they are getting better. After three months they feel better still, but it takes the

brain a year at least to heal. Within that year the addict is walking a fine line of danger, and they begin to feel cocky. So they think they can use. It often takes three or four attempts at rehabilitation or more before they understand they can never use drugs again.

Kennedy emphasized the need to start addiction treatment early, before it spirals out of control. The following is taken from his website at <https://footprintstorecovery.com/addiction-treatment-locations/colorado/>:

"I spent four or five years in private practice doing marriage and family therapy. And the thing I can tell you is that the problem was people always came to me when it was too late. Once you get to the point where you hate each other, it's going to be really hard to save the marriage where if you come in when you first start having problems, it's going to be really easy. That's kind of the story with addiction.

"If you come in early when you are dealing with substance [abuse] and addiction, or if you're willing to get educated on how this is a progressive disease and how it takes over more and more and more and more of your body, mind and your soul, and that's what it does. I mean, it is a virus that grows inside of you until it owns you.

"And usually when people hit rock bottom, it's when that disease has fully taken over and they've lost their job and their marriage and their family and their homes, and they're broke. Their life is just in shambles. And then of course you have to rebuild that.

"And so my plea to people is recognize when you're having these problems and when you have an addiction. When this is going on, don't wait until you hit rock bottom, but instead recognize this is where it goes. You can ask any addict, you can ask any alcoholic, you go to a meeting and you'll find a room full of people that have found that bottom and said, "I've got to stop. I've got to change this."

"You can change it — and my advice is change it early and avoid many, many, many of the pains and throes in the agony that you're going to go through. It's just a matter of when. So that would be my advice to those people and you can do it — the sooner the better."

*Kennedy also has some unique perspectives on prevention, and this will be covered in part three next week.*

# ROAD

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in an email Tuesday to Sheriff Dan Warwick and Road and Bridge Supervisor Randal Arredondo. "Shut it down to through traffic only to be used by residents and county/forestry service until the town gets their magnet up and running and utilized. "The nails are in everything. We

have a serious road hazard impeding travel, medical treatments and life. If it was a tree in the road, someone has to clean it up."

Arredondo said Tuesday that the county won't close the road. But he reported his department has graded the road and recently ordered "a very

strong magnet" to collect the nails. "The magnet should be in this week," Arredondo said. "It's supposed to pick up to 100 pounds."

Depending on when the magnet arrives, he said, a road crew will be out to drag County Road 41G by the end of this week or early next week.

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# OPINION & EDITORIAL

## Just say no to Corona Virus

Ol' Dutch heard something the other day about some new virus that is going around and so I decided to investigate further as malware of any sort is a concern of mine.

When I first heard about this sickness spreading around the planet like a handshake with a snot-nosed kid, I was surprised that no one had noticed it before. For I had many times seen what "Corona" could do to otherwise healthy and intelligent human beings.

Many a night I stood in awe and wonder as Corona-imbibed bar patrons got the blind staggers, lost their memory, money and good sense while draining bottle after bottle of the yellow brew.

So it came as no surprise to me to learn that people actually had died from such a thing as according to the comedian Jerry Clower, "too much of anything ain't good."

Now Ol' Dutch never was a fan of beer anyway and gave it up in his younger days which can mostly be attributed to his being a Scotchman at heart and indeed. For you see Ol' Dutch has often made dimes out of nickels with frugal living and wise investing. Well sort of.

But regardless I just could not believe that anyone would be shocked that drinking Corona beer or too much of any beer would be that serious of an issue. And even though I have seen excessive amounts of the golden liquid cause marriages, divorces, children and buying puppies at yard sales, the lack of said beverage can also have adverse effects on those accustomed to its side effects.

Imagine my surprise to learn that this new Corona thing was not due to missing the AA meetings at all but came out of China. And unlike the proverbial slow boat to China that we have all heard talked about by our parents and Uncle Dan, this Oriental boat is going pretty fast and leaving no shore untouched.

You can rest assured that our fearless leaders will waste no time except yours and mine in creating a panic out of this new virus and I am sure if you dig deep enough you will find something else going on and they are just trying to throw us off the scent of the real news. It's all smoke and mirrors.

Now don't get me wrong, this may



**Trout Republic**  
by Kevin Kirkpatrick

end up wiping man off the planet like the Y2K, Ebola, Sars, German Flu, Swine Flu and Chicken Flu did over the last 20 years. Remember when they scared us with those? Except those didn't actually destroy humanity although we were assured daily that the end was nigh.

The one thing all these viruses and scares have in common is they all were started in election years - or at least years ending in even numbers. And if that doesn't send up a red flag, I do not know what else would.

But surely, they would not do something like that to us. Would they?

But regardless of the outcome man will somehow survive and we will go on with life waiting for the next disaster to befall us thereby ensuring nonstop reporting on our phones round the clock and networks showing babbling pundits with no expertise save dressing provocatively or wearing cashmere suits.

Being the worry wart that Miss Trixie and I are, we questioned our intelligence in desiring to go to South Padre Island, Texas, this week. Taking everything into consideration and hearing that the fish are biting, we find ourselves looking over the beautiful Gulf of Mexico and safely drinking pina colodas instead of beer. Problem solved.

*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

## Lopez announces candidacy for state senate

To the editor:

Hello! My name is Carlos R. Lopez and I am proud to be a candidate for Colorado State Senate District #35. I was raised in Colorado my entire life. I attended School District #1 in Trinidad, started my college career at Trinidad State Junior College and finished my undergrad degree at the University of Northern Colorado. I am running because I am concerned that the State Government too often ignores the voices of Southern and Rural Colorado and I want to make sure that your concerns are voiced loud and clear at the State Capitol and turned into tangible legislation that helps us. We need a fighter and I am ready to enter the ring.

The Colorado economy is booming but too often the needs of Rural and Southern Colorado are ignored. I want to make sure that the advantages of our economy are shared by all Coloradans and the needs and concerns of Rural and Southern Colorado are addressed. Agriculture is our life blood and our heritage; and in order to have prosperity, we need to make sure

that water is continually protected for generations to come. I want to make sure that we can help prepare families for the future so they can continue to work their lands and not be bullied by big government and developers in Denver. We also need expanded educational opportunities within our district so that people can get a high quality education while staying close to home. Expanding educational opportunity will create a workforce ready for the future and bring companies to the area as well as unleash peoples' entrepreneurial spirit to create new businesses and jobs here at home. Lastly, I want to help create healthy communities with more healthcare resources flowing into our rural district to attract healthcare professionals as well as new healthcare facilities.

I have been a member of the Trinidad City Council for the past four years and we have had some great successes including reinvigorated economic growth, a new state park and a new youth center. I was a member of the Executive Board of the Colorado Municipal League. I am currently



a board member of the Arkansas River Power Authority, Human Services Advisor Board with Trinidad State Junior College and am the Founder and Chair of the Youth Club of Trinidad, Inc.

Please check me out at [carloslopezforcolorado.com](http://carloslopezforcolorado.com)

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*Carlos R. Lopez*

## Involved communities foster stronger and healthier communities

To the editor:

The CTC Coalition in Saguache County has merged into one coalition. There were two coalitions in the past, and as of October 2019, we decided to merge into one and do the work together. We became SMCC which is comprised of Saguache, Moffat, Crestone and Center. The decision was made by the coalition in that meeting. With this, we took both vision statements and converted them into one vision statement that would cover what the entire county stands for.

As a coalition, we have been busy with orientation for the groups that were formed. We have a very strong group, and key leaders to stand by the coalition. We are looking at data and comparing with the data that was looked at before. The goal is to see what has changed so that we can as a coalition choose Risk and Protective Factors. As we merged into one coalition, we wanted to make this data more acceptable to the new coalition, so we have been working on this and are getting ready to present to the

group in April.

If you would like to get involved with the CTC Program or need more information, you can call Gloria Arroyos Quintana at 719-655-2533.

Next meeting will be April 2, 2020, at the Road and Bridge in Saguache Co. Located at 305 3<sup>rd</sup> St. in Saguache. The meeting is at 5:30 with dinner provided; all are invited to join us in making this a better, stronger, healthier community for all.

*Gloria Arroyos Quintana*  
Center

## Nature prescribed Park Rx America

To the editor:

Nature prescribed! Do you know that nature, and time spent in it, is great medicine for many chronic health problems? Would you like to lower your blood pressure or experience less stress?

Monte Vista is dedicated to improving the lives and health of the community and is now offering Park Rx America. This nationwide program, in collaboration with your health care provider, health educator or behavioral health clinician, helps make outdoor time a health priority for everyone. These providers are trained to use the Park Rx America system to provide prescriptions for nature and outdoor activities.

Why is Nature healthy for us? The American Heart association says,

"Physical activity not only helps control high blood pressure (HBP or hypertension), it also helps you manage your weight, strengthen your heart and lower your stress level" Just minutes outdoors can reduce elevated blood pressure, reduce high cortisol levels that are associated with stress and improve depression. And there are more benefits as well! Even children benefit. The American Psychiatric Association notes "Increasing evidence demonstrates the many benefits of nature on children's psychological and physical well-being, including reduced stress, greater physical health, more creativity and improved concentration." Indeed, time outdoors, relaxing or exercising, is great medicine for the whole family.

During the last year Monte Vista Public Works Director, Robert Vance has placed local parks and trails into the Park Rx America system. Now, your health care provider can write a prescription for outdoor time and send it directly to your email or phone, complete with map of the park or trail! They can even send you reminders to spend time outdoors. Thank you Rob and the City of Monte Vista for this great opportunity!

For more information about Park Rx America and the benefits of time outdoors go to [parkrxamerica.org](http://parkrxamerica.org). Better yet, ask your health provider for a prescription for nature from Park Rx America.

*Cathy McCurdy*  
San Luis Valley

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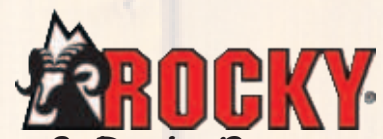
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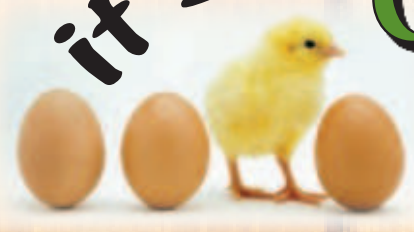
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## April 10 & 11, 2020

# AWARD

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coveted Emergency Manager of the Year award for the SLV Region at the annual Colorado Emergency Management Conference held Feb. 25-27 in Loveland.

The award was announced in a March 1 press release by David R. Osborn, SLV Regional Emergency Operations Field Manager. Osborn said the acknowledgement is important as support came from all of his peers and others that have worked with Woelz. He explained that Woelz had a busy year coordinating consequence management issues for a host of disasters including the Decker Fire, Town of Moffat explosion and fire and several other incidents, including a power loss and subsequent evacuation.

“Woelz has drastically improved emergency management program capabilities and capacities for Saguache County and coordinates one of the most robust programs in the area,” Osborn said. “Thank you, Mr. Woelz, for your professionalism, dedication and Esprit De Corps.”

“It is a great honor to be nominated for this award by peers,” Woelz commented in an email Monday. “I could not have accomplished this without the help from my colleagues at Saguache County, all the other San Luis Valley Emergency Managers, or without the guidance and support from the Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. “My work is not done and we still have a lot to do,” Woelz added. “This award encourages me to work even harder, it makes me proud to be a part of the San Luis Valley Emergency Management Team, and I will do my best to merit this recognition.”

Also honored at the awards ceremony was Rio Grande County’s Jim Clare, who received the Mike Gelski Award from CEMA’s President Mr. Alan Colon while Jim’s wife Cynthia and his SLV partners cheered him on. “Thank you, Jim, for all you do,” Osborn commented. “The Mike Gelski Award for Outstanding Volunteer

Achievement is a single annual statewide award presented to an individual who has been in a volunteer position supporting the tenets of comprehensive emergency management,” Osborn continued. “Mike Gelski was a volunteer with the Salvation Army whom is held as an ideal example of an Outstanding Volunteer and the Mike Gelski Award honors his memory.”

Clare is the Director of the SLV Solid Waste Authority, Chairman of the SLV Hazardous Materials Board, Member of the SLV Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), SLV All Hazards member and trusted point of contact for emergency response personnel all across our great Valley. He also sits on many local boards including the Ski High Revitalization Project and is the founder of several clubs as well.

Clare was Deputy Chief of the Monte Vista Fire Department until he retired and also retired from the SLV Rural Electric Cooperative (REC). He is the go-to gentlemen when you need something done, Osborn said, and is steadfastly committed to all SLV communities always focused on improving our way of life here in the San Luis Valley.

### About the conference

The annual Colorado Emergency Management Conference was attended by over 550 participants making this the largest conference of its kind within the Continental United States.

This year the Colorado Emergency Management Association (CEMA), Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM) and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) planned and collaborated together to provide emergency preparedness and response training in addition to a focused public health and medical tract at the conference.

“This partnership proved most successful as this was the single

best event we’ve ever experienced,” Osborn wrote in the news release.

Traditionally on the second night of the conference a banquet is hosted to honor Emergency Management professionals across the State of Colorado. The highlight of this event includes the awards ceremony where we identify and congratulate those members in our communities that represent professionalism, compassion and leadership.

**Jim Clare received the Mike Gelski award at the Colorado Emergency Management Association’s conference over the weekend.**

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# MOFFAT

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Gibbons upbraided the town of Moffat for what he describes as “lack of proper consideration in addressing items required in the annexation impact report presented to the county. As the Board is aware, the County Commissioners never approved the impact report and requested additional information at a regular commissioners meeting that was not provided.

“Those specific issues related to how the Water Resource Agreement dated Oct. 1, 2019, would provide adequate water for Potch Annexation No. 3, the impact the annexation would have on local schools and how Potch intended to develop the proposed annexation sites for residential purposes.” The County Commissioners contend that the impact report did not meet the minimum [statutory] requirements.

“The commissioners further contend that the report and annexation proceedings lacked compliance with notice and procedural requirements pursuant to the Municipal Annexation Act.” The letter concludes by noting that the correspondence is to be considered an official request for such action in accordance with State Statute.

In a phone conversation with Saguache County Commission Chair Jason Anderson Monday, Anderson said the letter was the first in a set

of formal legal steps that would most likely end up in district court. “I don’t see it not going to court,” Anderson said.

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# Valley teams claim 5 of 6 district basketball titles

BY STEPHEN JIRON

The San Luis Valley basketball scene is heating up with the conclusion of district tournament play. With valley teams active in all 6 tournaments, the local squads cleaned up pretty well to take 5 district titles.

## 3A Boys Intermountain League District Championship

*Centauri 47, Alamosa 46*

In the boys basketball tournament, it was a local sweep with Alamosa and Centauri vying for the title.

A hard-fought battle came down to the wire with Alamosa's Brenden Crowther hitting on an off-balance shot that beat the buzzer and sent the game to overtime.

With 5 points combined in the extra period, Centauri's Baron Holman's free throw in overtime wound up being the difference-maker. Seemed only right that Holman tipped the scales for Centauri as the sophomore had a dominant first half, accounting for 16 of the Falcon's 26 first-half points and went on to lead the team in scoring with 21 points.

The win earns Centauri the right to host the first two games of the state tournament. Salida, Manitou Springs and Jefferson Academy will be in La Jara for the first quadrant of state. Alamosa will travel to Denver, at DSST: Byers for the opening quadrant meeting Lamar in the first round.

## 2A Boys District 1 Championship

*Sanford 38, Crested Butte 31*

In a game where both teams had picked up a win in the league series (1-1), it would surprise no one that Saturday's contest between Sanford and Crested Butte would enter the final 8 minutes of the game with a 1-point spread.

Sanford separated themselves with a 7-point run to start the fourth quarter. Crested Butte would fight back but streak would come to define the game

earning Sanford the district title.

Sanford will stay home for regional play to host their own tournament, first up will be Telluride on Friday.

## 2A Girls District 1 Championship

*Del Norte 45, Sanford 41*

One can always count on rivals Del Norte and Sanford to play a competitive game, considering their 6 meetings in 2019 culminating in a third-place game.

On Saturday, the Tigers would build an early lead in the game and coast through the second half. Sanford attempted a late rush to try and make up the ground outscoring Del Norte through

the fourth quarter 15-12 but would still fall a couple of possessions short.

Del Norte senior Kendra Parra registered a double-double in the district title game posting 11 rebounds to go along with her team-leading 26 points. With the win,

Del Norte will be hosting their regional tournament, their first opponent will be Mancos on Friday. Sanford will be on the road at Heritage Christian in Fort Collins facing Hayden in the first round.

## 1A Boys District 6 Championship

*Sangre de Cristo 70, Primero 35*

A year removed from a runner-up

placing at the state finals in Pueblo, Sangre de Cristo has been on the warpath having only lost two games. Saturday's meeting in the district final was no different.

Already holding a 16-9 lead entering the second quarter the Thunderbirds went on to outscore their opponents by 20 points effectively blowing the game open for a 41-14 advantage going to the break. Brothers Luke and Cole Christensen tied for the scoring lead with 18 points each combining for 7 three-pointers.

Sangre de Cristo will enter the regional tournament on a bye advancing straight to their regional championship against Ouray.

Things are coming together for Dave Forster's squad. The T-Birds are typically known for their offense but in Saturday's district title game the Thunderbirds flexed a little defensive muscle.

Sangre de Cristo was held under 40 points in a win for only the fourth time all season. Cotopaxi has accounted for two of those games. Last time the Pirates slowed the Thunderbird offense they paired it with some offense of their own falling on the road by 7 points.

Saturday, Sangre responded in kind blanking Cotopaxi in the first quarter and holding them to one point in the third locking down the Pirates for the win.

Sangre de Cristo's win qualified them for the 1A Region 1 championship on Saturday against DeBeque thanks to a first-round bye.



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Center Viking basketball ladies beat Custer County last week and placed third in the Alamosa District tournament Friday. They advanced to the regionals this week.

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### Girls

Alamosa 54	Monte Vista 5
Sangre de Cristo 73	Manzanola 12
Antonito 60	La Veta 36
Cotopaxi 63	Sierra Grande 29
Center 43	Custer County 39
Sargent 50	South Park 21
Moffat 58	Centennial 53
Sangre de Cristo 52	Antonito 20
Cotopaxi 53	Moffat 32
Del Norte 57	Center 11
Sanford 54	Sargent 11
Pagosa Springs 61	Bayfield 20
Centauri 45	Alamosa 30
Alamosa 50	Bayfield 29
Pagosa Springs 50	Centauri 33
Center 25	Sargent 22
Del Norte 45	Sanford 41
Sangre de Cristo 39	Cotopaxi 14

### COLLEGE

Adams State 63	Fort Lewis 57
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### Boys

Cotopaxi 60	Centennial 28
Sangre de Cristo 78	Creede 37
Sanford 80	South Park 33
Del Norte 53	Sargent 44
Center 67	Custer County 56
Pagosa Springs 58	Monte Vista 53
Manzanola 52	Sierra Grande 38
Alamosa 45	Pagosa Springs 34
Centauri 61	Bayfield 31
Sangre de Cristo 62	Manzanola 22
Crested Butte 58	Del Norte 44
Sanford 50	Center 29
Centauri 47	Alamosa 46 OT
Center 55	Del Norte 51
Sanford 38	Crested Butte 31
Sangre de Cristo 70	Primero 35

### COLLEGE

Adams State 94	Fort Lewis 92
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## Great job going to State!



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Wrestlers Pablo Valencia and Eleazar Aguilar played in the state wrestling finals last week but failed to make it to the second round.

## CLERK

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registration forms.

The county clerk's office receives the forms from the agencies and enters them into SCORE.

The NVRA Agency form consists of two parts:

- A Voter Registration Choice Form. The agency retains this portion of the form. This form

allows the person to say yes or no to voter registration.

- The Agency Voter Registration Form. This form is the same format as all other voter registration forms. It can be used for new voter registrations, change of address, change of party, or any other changes to the voter's record.

There is more to the NVRA than registration. The NVRA also dictates how and when voter records may be canceled. After every general election, counties go through the NVRA cancellation process.

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# BoCC highlights for Feb. 18

By TERESA L. BENNS

**SAGUACHE** — The following are highlights for the Feb. 18 Saguache County Commissioner’s meeting taken from draft meeting minutes recorded by Saguache County Clerk’s office staffer Dominique White.

During the commissioner reports, Commission Chair Jason Anderson said he attended the CCI Steering Committee meeting recently. Of particular note to Saguache County were the following pieces of state legislation:

- SB20-139 Authorizes a county to lend money to a government entity that is created by or located within the county for infrastructure projects.
- HB20-1093 County authority to regulate short term rentals-moved to Senate.
- HB20-1019 Prison population reduction and management. Interim study committee.
- SB20-130 Backcountry search and rescue funding.
- SB20-161 Requires each judicial district to implement a pretrial release assessment within 24 hours.

During his report period Commissioner Ken Anderson related that no one has been seeing any sheriff’s office cars. “I saw one for the first time in a long time just the other day,” he said. “But you drive down into Rio Grande County and you will see one somewhere almost every day. Some of our deputies live south on 285 but you never see them come down 285. I think that we have a problem, but I’m not sure where it’s at or how to finish it. Maybe we can have a discussion with the sheriff? But there is a lot of people out here complaining.”

### Center annexation impact study waiver

Center Town Administrator Brian Lujan approached the board requesting that the Town of Center be granted an impact statement waiver for the development of the Consul property.

Lujan said he has talked with town attorney Mike Trujillo and the town is wanting to annex 90 acres. Trujillo asked that the impact report be waived.

Lujan reported the town is not close to building and still needs to develop infrastructure. The town can present letters from the sanitation district and school district. Center needs to determine that if they build, the town would be able to handle an influx of people. The property has been surveyed and laid out. The first step would be to improve the sewer with the sanitation district and they just received a grant from DOLA.

Commissioner Jason Anderson asked Lujan why the town was reluctant to do an impact report.

Lujan told him it was not a reluctance, but more about the influx if people and attracting some developers, letting them know it was within the city limits. “We know that housing is needed and plan to participate in the survey being done in the San Luis Valley,” Lujan said.

“We need to stick to doing things properly,” Anderson told Lujan, and Commissioners Tim Lovato and Ken Anderson agreed.

Commissioner Ken Anderson asked what the road entrance situation entrance was and

Lujan said the town would like to have another street entrance off Hurt Street and the county road. This is almost to the minimum that is needed for the impact report.

### Commissioners denied the waiver.

Wendi Maez, County Administrator report

- National Park Service has requested the approval of 16 signs to be erected within Saguache County. The signs will be 24”x36.” The signs will be proved to Saguache County for Saguache County to install. Tim moves to go into agreement with... Ken 2<sup>nd</sup> votes in favor: 3 motion carried
- Tyler Financial software discussion.

I have received the contract for the Tyler Financial System. The total amount for the software will be \$126,305, with recurring fees of \$16,162 yearly. There is a possibility we can use the server that was purchased for the Treasurer’s office can be used by both departments. The server figure is not included in the Tyler quote — that figure will come from WSB. They are requesting \$20,000 that will be billed in March 2020. That amount can possibility come from Sheriff’s office 1.5 sales tax (\$10,000) and \$10,000 from the Road and Bridge Department. The remaining \$45,000 will be billed in October. The other fees will be billed as they are incurred throughout the year. I have forwarded the contract (same contract as last year) to Attorney Gibbons for his review.

• Discussion concerning the purchase of the budgeted vehicle for Emergency

Services. At this time the OEM has totaled his personal car while working on OEM business. Woelz has presented three amounts for vehicles, (one of which has now sold). We also need to discuss whether or not OEM can take the vehicle to his residence in Chaffee County. Commissioner Lovato will be taking the black truck after the meeting, drive it and give it to Bobby Woelz.

• A grant request in the amount of \$2,000 has been applied for to purchase items and advertise for the 2020 census.

• A grant request in the amount of \$5,000 has been applied for from DRG for the door correction at the Saguache Clinic, replace the gutters/ roof at the Admin/LU building and carpet for the commissioner’s room. I had applied for furniture for the desks in the commissioner’s room but office furniture is not an allowable use, so

I have requested that Pete Garcia get bids to remove the door/windows in Tammy’s office to be replaced by a window. This will help with the heat in that office as the door is not sealed very well and hopefully help with the lighting in that office.

• The new heater has been delivered and installed at the DSS building. A check in the amount of \$2,000 was cut and delivered to Hollmer-Davis Plumbing and Heating on Feb. 6, 2020. The remainder of \$1,899.35 will be paid when heater is completely installed and up and running.

### Amber Wilson, Interim Land Use Director

During the land use time slot, Commissioners approved the following yearly reviews for marijuana cultivation operations:

- Sacred Valley Medicine, LLC, 61187 Co. Road T, NE1/4 5-43-10 –
- Primo, LLC – Sacred Valley Pharmacy, LLC 34132 US Hwy 285, Villa Grove, Block 2, Lots 9 and 10 –
- Expanding Earth, LLC 59568 Co. Road T, Tr. 17 7-43-10
- Colorado’s Kindest, LLC, 42023 US Hwy 285, SW1/4SW1/4 32-41-7
- Dune Valley Farms, LLC 56575 Co. Road AA, W1/2SE1/4 34-45-9
- Green Nation, LLC, 61997 Co. Road G, N1/2NE1/4SE1/4 33-42-10

### They also approved:

- Mammoth Farms, LLC – Change of Ownership/Structure of Business
  - Dune Valley Farms, LLC – Conditional Use Modification – 56575 Co. Road AA
- The meeting adjourned following an executive session.



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## Cranes swoop through Monte Vista

BY REBECCA COPLEY

**MONTE VISTA** - The 'Swoop of the Cranes,' have landed on the streets of Monte Vista. Fifty beautiful and unique silhouettes were mounted on the light posts on either side of Highway 160 between Madison and Broadway last Friday. A few have also found a place to roost on Adams Street.

The 5 feet tall 12 gauge metal cranes have each been sponsored by local businesses and organizations in the city and have been decorated by talented local artists. The birds will be on display from March to August. During the Crane Fest voting by citizens and guests will be conducted to decide a People's Choice Award. There will also be a panel of artists who will judge to determine the winner of the Artist's Choice Award. In addition there will also be a Chamber Choice Award, with the Chamber of

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Photos by Rebecca Copley  
**These cranes are busy people watching.**



**So many creative cranes!**

**Some well-dressed cranes sporting some snazzy outfits.**



**Scannable codes will be attached to each of the cranes to make voting quick and easy.**



Courtesy photo

## Town prepares for the 37th Annual Monte Vista Crane Festival

**MONTE VISTA** - The spring migration of tens of thousands of Sandhill Cranes through Colorado's San Luis Valley is truly one of the country's top wildlife-watching experiences. The Monte Vista Crane Festival---March 6th to 8th---celebrates the crane's annual return, offering wildlife-viewing tours to iconic Valley destinations as well as the Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuge, where cranes amass as the eye can see.

While other states boast the big-

gest numbers of cranes, the San Luis Valley unequivocally offers some of the most picturesque scenery in the world. "It's an spectacular setting for wildlife photography, cranes flying gracefully with the majestic snow-capped Sangre de Cristo Mountains and alpine desert as a backdrop," said photographer Ed Mackerrow. "You've got incredibly powerful scenes of cranes performing their elaborate courtship dance, allowing photographers a rare opportunity. From the thousands of migratory birds to

stunning landscapes, the solitude of San Luis Valley provides the nature photographer a fantastic experience."

This year promises even more amazing photo opportunities due to a full moon rising on March 8th.

The Sandhill Crane's journey begins in southern New Mexico's Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge and ends in the crane's nesting grounds around the Yampa Valley, Greater Yellowstone and even further north for some of the

*Please see CRANE on Page 2*

## Boys will be boys

"Boys will be boys," reflected Jack, as he told me a story from his youth.

Seems when Jack was a teenager back in Ripley, Oklahoma, he and his teenage friend were serious about becoming bull riders. They had helped fix up the local rodeo arena and that gave them chute privileges.

One week they replaced a chute gate. They had made the replacement themselves out of oilfield pipe, painted it and hung it up.

As they were admiring their handiwork Jack remarked it was too bad they couldn't buck a real bull out of there for the inaugural 'grand opening'!

His partner, Jack (also named Jack and hereinafter referred to as Jack Two) said, "Ya know, my dad just bought a brand new Charolais bull, I'll bet that sucker would buck!"

Jack One agreed that it would sure be better than practicin' on the buckin' barrel and



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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

wasn't it a coincidence that Jack Two's dad was outta town for a couple days.

A quick trip to the ranch and back soon had the big polled bull standing in chute number one. Jack Two set his rope and called for the

bull. Jack One swung the new gate wide and Jack Two had a pretty good practice ride.

They ran the bull back around for another ride but he was not nearly as cooperative in the chute. Matter of fact, he rammed his head sideways between the pipes and lifted the heavy gate right off the L - hinges on which it hung.

Out across the arena he bucked with the ten foot gate around his neck and layin' on his back. Jacks One and Two chased the irate bull and cornered him. The bull turned, spotted his tormentors, lowered his head to charge and flipped straight over on his nose!

It took several minutes of flopping around and pulling for the gate to come free. The bull was considerably agitated but just dazed enough so our two Jacks could load him back in the trailer and get him back home.

Next day Jack Two's dad returned home. He saddled up and rode out to check the cows

with Jack Two's uncle. The bull charged the horses and chased them out of the pasture. After two days of this Dad decided they better sell the bull before someone got hurt.

He explained to his son, Jack Two, that the bull must have got a hold of locoweed or maybe some kind of heavy metal poisoning which made him crazy.

"Yeah," thought Jack Two, "heavy metal, alright."

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**The Centers for Disease Control and the World Health Organization do not recommend that the general public use face-masks to combat Coronavirus. It is recommended to wash hands frequently with soap and water, wash for at least 20 seconds, especially after using the bathroom, before eating and after coughing, sneezing or nose blowing. If soap and water are not available hand sanitizer may be used, but if visible soiling is present always use soap and water.**

## Coronavirus – what you need to know

As concerns regarding the Novel Coronavirus continue to rise, many are taking action to equip themselves with what they feel may protect them. Face masks are flying off the shelves in stores and are rapidly being put on backorder from suppliers like Amazon. While this may offer many peace of mind, the widespread use of masks does not offer much more than that and may only create additional problems in addressing supply and demand issues of the masks. N95 masks are required for health care workers that are caring for patients with Coronavirus but require special testing to assure the right fit and effectiveness of the mask. General use of masks by people who are well will not likely prevent becoming infected with a respiratory illness, but the use of masks by those who are ill may prevent them from spreading their illness to others.

While the Centers for Disease Control and the World Health Organization do **not** recommend that the general public use facemasks, they do offer other suggestions to prevent the spread of Coronavirus.

- Avoid close contact with those who are sick-try to keep a distance of at least 3 to 6 feet between yourself and those around you who may

be coughing/sneezing frequently.

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth-Hands are known to harbor infectious microorganisms and when transferred to the face a portal of entry into the body is offered

- Stay home when sick-To prevent spreading the illness to others.

- Practice respiratory etiquette-Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue and then throw the tissue into the trash. If tissue is not available cough/sneeze into the elbow crease.

- Clean and disinfect high touch surfaces on a regular basis-Many general household cleaning supplies are effective against coronavirus and other disease causing organisms.

- Wash hands frequently with soap and water, wash for at least 20 seconds, especially after using the bathroom, before eating and after coughing, sneezing or nose blowing. If soap and water are not available, hand sanitizer may be used, but if visible soiling is present always use soap and water.

The CDC estimates that so far this season there have been at least 32 million flu illnesses, 310,000 hospitalizations, and 18,000 deaths from the flu while the Coronavirus has had 83,869 total confirmed cases and 2,871 deaths.

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# Breaking down Colorado's 2019 human-bear interactions

**COLORADO** - In 2019, Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) documented 517 reports of bears entering dwellings, 303 vehicle break-ins and 5,369 total bear calls from April 1 through Dec. 31.

Thanks to a modernized tracking system these numbers provide a tremendous amount of insight on human-bear interactions. It is the agency's hope that the release of this data serves as a wake-up call to Colorado residents. Concentrated, communitywide efforts must be made to live appropriately with bears in mind.

While the public and media tend to focus on the number of bears CPW has to put down - that number is only part of the overall story. In 2019, 92 bears were euthanized, or 1.7 percent of the year's reported bear conflicts. While these numbers vary year over year, this data sheds a new light on the overall picture and how simple steps can be made throughout our communities to keep Colorado's bears wild and alive.

Once your property has been visited by a bear and it has been rewarded with a human-provided food source that homeowner is legally obligated to remove that attractant. If they do not, they could be issued a citation for feeding or attracting wildlife, a misdemeanor or charge.

If you do not have a food source at your property, you will not experience issues with bears. If you do not have a food source at your property, but your neighbor does, then it is possible to have a bear come too close for comfort. It takes a communitywide effort to reduce human-bear conflicts.

The agency's wildlife conflict data tracking system launched April 1. It allows CPW to comprehensively track statewide reports ranging from simple sightings, to food source attractants provided, to property damage done by a bear, livestock depredation, aggressive behavior and more. As our ability to more efficiently and effectively track conflict data grows, we are committed to sharing this information to help all Coloradans understand our role in living with bears.

The data outlines a major problem and potentially documents only half of what actually takes place. CPW recognizes that among the 5,369 bear reports from April 1-Dec. 31, there are likely an equal number of human-bear interactions that go unreported.

The following sections break down the types of reports into categories and what each can mean to the well-being of Colorado's bears, whose population is estimated between 17,000-20,000 (black bear is the only species in Colorado).

## Trash - 1,728

One-third of all bear reports CPW received in 2019 involved trash. Trash is by far the leading cause of bear habituation, and open dumpsters or trash cans provide an all-you-can-eat buffet when left unsecured. Bears are highly intelligent and resourceful animals. Bears that find food around your home or in your community often lose their natural wariness of people. Once they find garbage, the next place they may look to for more food is inside your home.

Communities or Homeowner associations can help reduce human-bear conflicts and avoid attracting bears to your neighborhood or property by enacting a trash ordinance.

If you must leave trash outside, buy a bear-proof container/dumpster, build a bear-proof enclosure or install an electric fence. To avoid attracting bears, clean containers regularly with ammonia or bleach.

## Birdfeeders - 397

A seven-pound bag of bird seed equates to 12,180 calories for a bear. A 50-pound bag of bird seed has over 87,000 calories — a reward well worth the effort of breaking into your garage to get. Bears want to get the most energy



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they can with the least amount of effort. Any type of bird feeder (hummingbird, suet and seed) you have out on your property, including those on upper levels, is about as easy of a meal that a bear can get.

Birdfeeders should not be placed outside from March through the end of November for any reason. Letting your bird feeders turn into bear feeders teaches bears that it's safe to come close to people and homes looking for food. And for bears that can become a deadly lesson.

Other ways to attract birds to your property include placing a nesting box out, creating a bird garden, hanging flowerpots or having a bird bath. Add brightly colored, trumpet shaped flowers around your home to attract hummingbirds, butterflies and a variety of beneficial insects. Water, especially running water, actually does a better job of attracting a wider variety of birds year-round than a bird feeder. Just keep your water sources smaller. Bears don't sweat, so larger ponds and uncovered hot tubs can actually attract bears looking for a place to cool off. Be responsible about attracting birds and you'll be doing your part to keep bears wild.

## Other Food Attractants - 1,171

Black bears are omnivores and will eat just about anything. Other major food sources we find around homes that attract bears include fruit trees, beehives, chicken coops and livestock. While fruit may be a part of a bears natural diet that does not mean a bear should be gorging itself on your apple tree mere feet from where your kids play outside. Additional food sources include pet food, barbecue grills, compost, livestock feed and fridges/freezers in your outer buildings. These items must always be cleaned up and/or properly secured.

## Vehicle Break-Ins - 303

That equals 303 preventable occurrences if people had only kept anything with a scent out of their cars. Imagine the damage a bear would do inside your car, and the unwanted "present" it could leave behind. Keep car doors and windows closed and locked if you park outside. Make sure there's nothing with an odor in your vehicle, including candy, gum, air fresheners, trash, sunscreen, lotions and lip balms.

## Dwelling Break-Ins (houses, cabins, garages) - 517

This number is certainly conservative as it does not include the many incidences where a bear was reported in a garage after the owner left it open, nor sheds that bears got into to get food. It only accounted for bears in homes, cabins or garages where there was forcible entry. These numbers should highlight the elementary principles of locking the doors to your home, keeping your garage door closed and your windows closed and locked. Build bear unwelcome mats as a deterrent to place in areas a bear may want to access, replace exterior lever-style door handles with good quality round door knobs that bears can't pull or push open, install sturdy gates or bars on lower level windows to help keep bears out. Screens don't keep bears out.

## Locations

Suitable bear habitat in Colorado can be anywhere west of I-25, but bears are found each year on the eastern side of I-25. There were over 150 reports of bears on the eastern side of I-25 in 2019. Bears were reported as far east as Morgan County in the northeast, the town of Pritchett in the southeast, near Las Animas and Limon. The Durango/Pagosa region is the fourth worse area in the state for bear incidents.



Courtesy photo

**Researchers with the Seeded and Natural Orographic Winter-time Clouds: The Idaho Experiment (SNOWIE) project used a variety of tools to track cloud seeding events, including this "Doppler on Wheels" radar dish. By Joshua Aikins**

## Farming for precipitation

By DANIEL STRAIN

**COLORADO** - For the first time, researchers have used radar and other tools to accurately measure the volume of snow produced through cloud seeding. Led by University of Colorado Boulder atmospheric scientist Katja Friedrich and her colleagues, the research began on a chilly day in January 2017. That's when the team watched as a flurry settled over a patch of land in western Idaho.

The gentle snow wasn't a natural occurrence. It had been triggered through cloud seeding, a technique in which tiny particles are mixed into the atmosphere to try to generate more precipitation than might normally fall.

The approach has become increasingly popular in states like Idaho and Colorado that are grappling with how to quench their growing demands for water. It's also notoriously difficult to measure.

But for three days early this year in Idaho's Payette Basin, that's just what Friedrich's team did, monitoring three attempts at cloud seeding from start to finish. Collaborators on the project included researchers from the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, University of Wyoming and University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

"We tracked the seeding plume from the time we put it into the cloud until it generated snow that actually fell onto the ground," said

Friedrich, an associate professor in the Department of Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences.

In all that cloud seeding event and two more later that month produced a total of about 282 Olympic-sized swimming pools worth of water. The group reported its findings today in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

Friedrich added that the research is an important first step toward better understanding just how efficient cloud seeding can be at creating those winter wonderlands.

"Everyone you talk to will say even if you can generate a little bit more snow that helps us in the long run," she said.

## Idaho flurries

On Jan. 19 that little bit of additional snow kicked off with an airplane flight. Just before sunset, a plane owned by Idaho Power Company used a series of flares to inject particles of silver iodide into a natural cloud formation that was passing overhead.

The idea behind such cloud seeding is a simple one—to turn lightweight water vapor into heavy droplets.

"If everything goes according to plan, the water droplets will begin to freeze around the aerosols, forming snow," Friedrich said.

But, she added, it's also tricky to get a good sense of just how effective that transition really is, which is why most cloud seeding

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# Crane Festival schedule

Please review the schedule below and determine which tours, talks and movies you would like to attend. Please note that events may overlap---so take care when scheduling. Give yourself at least a half-hour between tours to get refreshments and use the restrooms. You need 20 minutes to drive between tours and the talks and movies, as they are at separate venues. Once you know your choices visit [www.mvcranefest.org](http://www.mvcranefest.org) to purchase your tickets. Tickets for the presentations and movies may be purchased online as a series, which will allow you into all the talks, presentations and movies. Or they can be purchased separately at the door---if there is still availability.

Don't wait, tours sell out quickly online. In fact, many of the tours are already sold out. There will be a wait line at the meeting place for sold out events. The earlier you get there, the better your chance will be of going, in the event of no shows.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2020**  
**7 - 9 a.m. - Morning Crane Tour** Expert-led bus tour to Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuge to learn all about Sandhill Cranes. Bring warm clothes and water. Restrooms are available at two stops. Meet at Ski Hi Complex located at Ski Hi Complex 2389-2499 Sherman Avenue in Monte Vista, Colorado. \$10 Ticket required.

**10 a.m. - noon - Home Lake Birding Tour** A guided walking

bird tour around Home Lake, led by local birding expert and author, John Rawinski. Bring, lunch, water and dress for the weather; walk at a leisurely pace. Meet at Monte Vista Middle School located at 3720 Sherman Avenue in Monte Vista. \$5 Ticket required.

**10 a.m. - 3 p.m. - Blanca Wetlands Tour** Expert-led bus five-hour tour to playa lakes and wetlands. Bring lunch, water, warm clothing and personal gear. Limited restrooms are available. Meet at Ski Hi Complex located at 2389-2499 Sherman Avenue in Monte Vista \$20 Ticket required.

**10 a.m. - noon - RIGHT Conservation Tour** Learn about the importance of Conservation Easements and the role private lands play in wildlife conservation. This tour is led by the Rio Grande Headwaters Land Trust around one of their easements. No restrooms are available on tour. Meet at Ski Hi Complex 2389-2499 Sherman Avenue in Monte Vista. \$20 Ticket required.

**4 - 6 p.m. - Evening Crane Tour** Expert-led bus tour to Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuge to learn all about Sandhill Cranes. Bring warm clothes and water. Restrooms are available at two stops. Meet at Ski Hi Complex located at 2389-2499 Sherman Avenue in Monte Vista, Colorado. \$10 Ticket required.

**6 - 9 p.m. - Kid's Coloring**

**Contest Awards & Free Movie** Annual kid's coloring contest winners announced followed by "Rango" (PG)---a good ole' fashioned, animated western about a less than courageous chameleon who accidentally ends up in the lawless outpost of "Dirt." Rango finds himself standing out among some of the desert's most wily and whimsical creatures and he somehow becomes sheriff---as well as the town's last hope against a greedy developer's water grab. FREE admission.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2020**  
**6 - 10 a.m. - Birder's Breakfast** Enjoy breakfast cooked by our local Kiwanis Club. Pay Kiwanis at the event. Tickets available on-site at Ski Hi Complex located at 2389-2499 Sherman Avenue in Monte Vista, Colorado.

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**Saturday, March 7**

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**3-4 p.m. Talk: "Dealing with Water Scarcity"** - Cleave Simpson, General Manager of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District talks about water in the Rio Grande Basin and San Luis Valley and the challenges facing surface and groundwater users in an over appropriated system. \$5/person.

**7-9 p.m. Keynote Speaker, Kurt Skinner** portrays Teddy Roosevelt, whose Conservation Crusade For America left our country with a legacy of natural treasures, federal resource conservation and wildlife protections. \$10/person.

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**10 a.m. – 3 pm - Elephant Rocks Tour** See and learn about sculpted massive boulders, unique geology and biology of this unique state park. BLM staff will give a talk about the area and then you are free to explore on your own or with staff. Porta Potti on-site. *Meet at Ski Hi Complex* located at Ski Hi Complex 2389-2499 Sherman Avenue in Monte Vista, Colorado. \$20 Ticket required.

**11 a.m. – noon - Talk: Grains for Cranes** *Max Ciaglo* -Colorado Land Trust – Come learn about the history of Sandhill Cranes and barley production in Colorado, and how our program is working to ensure that Cranes will always migrate through this mountain valley. *Location: Vali 3 Theatre* located at 139 Adams Street, Monte Vista, Colorado. \$5 ticket at the door.

**10:45 a.m. – 1 p.m. - SLV GO Trail Showcase** – A guided tour around one of the SLV's newest trails, the Malm Trail. This tour is led by SLV Great Outdoors (SLV GO) and will cover their work, an overview of the Malm trail and where you can find more resources for recreational opportunities throughout the San Luis Valley. *Meet at the Alamosa*

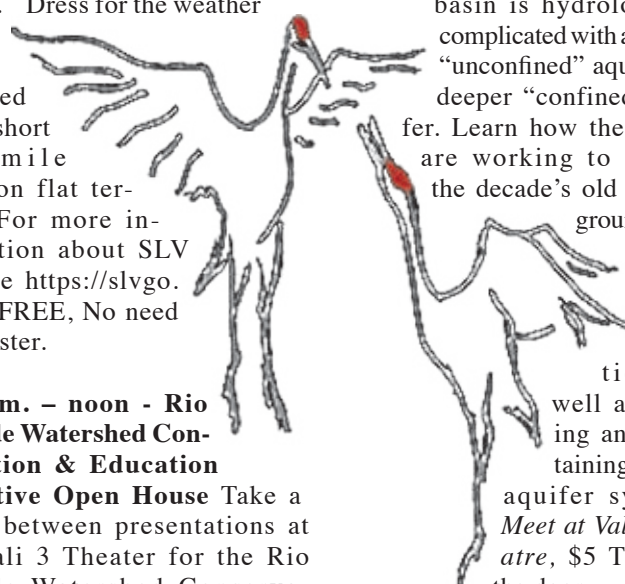
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**9 a.m. – noon - Rio Grande Watershed Conservation & Education Initiative Open House** Take a break between presentations at the Vali 3 Theater for the Rio Grande Watershed Conservation & Education Initiative Open House. Beverages, snacks, crafts, coloring and other activities that are fun for kids and adults. RGWCEI works closely with conservation districts to promote stewardship of natural resources for the entire San Luis Valley and values the role that agriculture plays in promoting habitat for sandhill cranes. Test your knowledge on crops, plant a seed to take home, or just visit the office to learn more about agriculture and education in the San Luis Valley. *Location: Rio Grande Watershed Conservation Education's office*, 125 Adams Street in Monte Vista. FREE.

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**SUNDAY, March 8, 2020 (Daylight saving Starts)**

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**10:30 a.m. – 12:30 a.m. - Hawks Aloft Raptor Tour** Experts from Hawks Aloft will lead a bus tour to view and learn about local raptors. *Meet at Ski Hi Complex* \$20 Ticket required.

**10:30 a.m. – 1 :30 pm - SOLD OUT Scott Miller Archeological Tour** Bus tour to visit this rich archaeological site with a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service archaeologist. Be prepared for a moderate 1.5-mile walk over uneven ground. In case of bad weather or snow on the ground, a talk with artifacts to view will be at a refuge building. Bring water. *Meet at Ski Hi Complex* \$20 Ticket required



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## March 5

**DEL NORTE** - The Del Norte High School Knowledge Bowl Varsity Team earned its way to the knowledge bowl state competition in Fort Collins. This state competition is March 16 and 17. In order to help offset the cost of the competition, they are holding a community knowledge bowl meet in which anyone can put together a four-man team to compete against the state qualifying team. The cost of entry is \$40. The community event is March 5 at 5 p.m. at Del Norte High School 950 French Street. Contact Chelsea Dilley-Lindsay to reserve your spot at clindsay@urtigers.co

## March 6-8

**MONTE VISTA** - Every March, bird lovers flock to Colorado's picturesque San Luis Valley from all over the state and beyond to witness the arrival of some 25,000 Sandhill Cranes. The Monte Vista Crane Festival, slated for March 6 - 8, celebrates the crane's an-

## SEEDING

Continued from Page 6 — statistics lead to inconclusive results. Estimates range anywhere from zero to 50 percent additional snowfall, Friedrich said.

On that January day, however, she and her colleagues had a plan. The group used a nearby radar dish to peer into the clouds as the water inside thickened and eventually succumbed to gravity.

Based on the team's calculations, snow fell from those clouds for about 67 minutes, dusting roughly 900 square miles of land in about a tenth of a millimeter of snow.

It was barely enough snow to cling to the researchers' eyelashes. But it was water that, if not for cloud seeding, would have stayed in the air.

"If we hadn't seeded these clouds, they would not have produced any precipitation," Friedrich said.

**Every little bit helps**  
Some in Colorado have high hopes for that process.

In 2019, the state entered into a partnership with six others that border the Colorado River to step up its efforts at cloud seeding—an attempt to increase the supply of water to that valuable waterway.

Friedrich added that, for now, she can't say how useful cloud seeding might be for such efforts moving forward—every winter storm is different and interacts with aerosols in different ways. But the group's findings could get scientists closer to being able to make those cost-benefit calculations.

"We can now finally put a number on how much water we can produce through cloud seeding," Friedrich said.

nual stopover in the Valley. "Their remarkable journey begins in southern New Mexico's Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge and ends in the crane's nesting grounds around the Yampa Valley, Greater Yellowstone area and even further north for some of the longer-traveled birds," said crane festival committee president Jenny Nehring. Now in its 37th season, the crane festival is one of the oldest birding festivals in the country and the oldest in Colorado. Though the festival began in celebration of a small Whooping Crane population grown from science aimed at boosting the faltering species, the event now pays full tribute to Sandhill Cranes.

## March 8

**Daylight savings time begins. Spring your clocks forward one hour.**

## March 28

**CREEDE** - The 29th annual Creede Variety Show will be Saturday, March 28, at the Ruth Humphreys Brown Theatre on Creede's Main Street. Last year's show was a sellout! A wide selection of amazing local talent was on display and enjoyed by all. The 2020 show promises to be an equally entertaining evening! Auditions will be Monday, March 23, and Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. Contact creedearts@outlook.com or call 719-658-0312 to set up an audition time. The audition venue is the Creede Community Church. Every age group and any talent are welcome to audition. Pieces must be performance ready and appropriate for people of all ages. Tickets will be available at the door, \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Cash and checks accepted; we are unable to process credit cards.

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• **ALAMOSA** — Circle of Parents in Recovery provides a safe, supporting, confidential, non-judgmental environment where parents can openly discuss the successes and challenges of parenting in recovery. Circle of Parents in Recovery values reciprocity and the development of leadership among participants. The group will meet every first and third Tuesday from 4-5:30 p.m. at Living Water Bible Fellowship 2019 Clark Street Alamosa. Contact Mary Lambert for more information (719)587-6965

or mlambert@slvbhg.org

• **CONEJOS** — Bingo, 7 p.m. every Monday and Thursday, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish Hall

• **DEL NORTE** - The Peace Education Program, PEP, will be presented at Wildwood Sounds, 850 Grande Ave. in Del Norte, on Thursdays beginning Nov. 7 through Jan. 23 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Wildwood Sounds in Del Norte. This free media based program presents a unique perspective on life. It is nonreligious and nonsectarian presenting 10 themed sessions. The themes are peace, appreciation, inner strength, self-awareness, clarity, understanding, hope and contentment.

• **DEL NORTE** — Tuesdays and Saturdays at the Ruth Marie, or by appointment: Piano and music lessons with professional pianist, Allan Stuart (719-754-2576;

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of \$5-\$6 to The Ruth Marie. Phone  
850-0750, lobato@myamigo.net

Thursdays at the Ruth Marie:  
Kundalini Yoga with Milcah (849-  
1954, milcahhawk@gmail.com)  
from 5:30-6:45 p.m., \$8-\$10 dona-  
tion to the Ruth Marie

• **HOMELAKE** — The  
Homelake Veterans Museum is  
open Monday-Friday from 10  
a.m.-noon and 1 to 3 p.m. until  
the end of October. Info. 580-0023

• **MONTE VISTA** — Exercise  
class every Monday, Wednesday  
and Friday at 10:00a.m. at the  
Tri-County Senior Center, 311  
Washington.

• **MONTE VISTA** — Pool Play-  
ing for men and women every day  
at the Tri-County Senior Center,  
311 Washington. Tournaments held  
periodically with other San Luis  
Valley Senior Centers

• **MONTE VISTA** - The San  
Luis Valley Nutrition program  
for the elderly serves nutritional  
meals at the Tri-County Senior  
Center, 311 Washington Monday  
through Friday of each week at  
noon. Meals are open to seniors  
age 60 and over. Membership or  
building residency is not neces-  
sary for participation in activities  
or meals at the Tri-County Senior  
Center. The Nutrition program is  
administered by South Central  
Colorado Seniors. For additional  
information please call 852-2687

• **SAN LUIS VALLEY** — The fa-  
mous Fred Hargrove is performing  
at Dos Rios every Thursday eve-  
ning and now at Cottonwood Cove  
in Creede for steak night every  
Saturday evening from 5:30-8:30  
p.m. Come by and hear favorite  
hits and Fred's country, western  
and folk music originals.

• **SOUTH FORK** — The Silver-  
thread Outdoor Recreation Club  
holds hikes on the following days:  
easy, Mondays and Thursdays,  
difficult on Wednesdays. ATV rides  
Tuesdays. Fridays are trail cleanup  
days. Info, Elizabeth Baugh at  
873-5286

• **SOUTH FORK** — Tai Chi for  
Health classes are held every Tues-  
day and Thursday 10 a.m. at the  
South Fork Library. Classes are free,  
and walk-ins are welcome. •Improve  
Balance •Slow Aging •Learn about  
health benefits. With questions, call  
Jim Fox, 360-821-9006.

**WEEKLY EVENTS**

• **ALAMOSA** — Community  
Garden Nights continue every  
Tuesday through September be-  
tween 5-7 p.m. Community mem-  
bers are invited to join in and help  
plant, weed, water and harvest  
Boyd Garden every Tuesday and  
are welcome to take home fresh  
produce at harvest time. Any addi-  
tional produce will be donated  
to the Alamosa Food Bank. Boyd  
Community Garden is located be-  
tween 11th and 12<sup>th</sup> streets on State  
Avenue in Alamosa and is open  
to the public. "Share the Work,  
Share the Harvest." Contact 719-  
589-4567 or email director.vegi@  
lapuente.net

• **ALAMOSA** — Women of  
Worth (WOW), a Single Moms  
Ministry at Living Water Bible  
Fellowship will meet every Mon-  
day from 5:30-7 p.m. at Living  
Water Bible Fellowship Church,  
2910 Clark St. in Alamosa. If you  
are divorced, widowed, or sepa-  
rated we invite you to come and  
fellowship, eat, and find hope and  
value. Contact Bonny at 719-589-  
6351 for more information

• **ALAMOSA** — A free coffee  
break for all veterans is held every  
Thursday morning from 8:30-  
11 a.m. at the SLV Museum in  
Alamosa. This is a project of the  
Veterans Coalition of the SLV and  
it is hosted by the Women Veterans  
of the SLV and the SLV Museum,  
401 Hunt Ave.

• **ALAMOSA** — Families with  
babies and children through age  
five are invited to "Storytime  
Fridays" at the Alamosa Public  
Library. There are two sessions  
every Friday. Parents and caregiv-  
ers with babies through age three  
come at 9:30 a.m.; all others come  
at 11 a.m. Anyone with children of  
both ages, pick a session and check  
it out — or come for both. Call Ms.  
Becky at 589-6592 ext. 2550 for  
more information.

• **ALAMOSA** — The Alamosa  
Elks Lodge 1297 hosts Bingo at 7  
p.m. Thursday in the lodge room.  
Food is available.

• **ALAMOSA** — Tu Casa is now  
hosting groups for survivors of  
sexual assault, date rape, marital  
rape, and sexual abuse as a child.  
These groups are open to the com-  
munity and are held at the Tu Casa  
office from noon to 1 p.m. every  
Thursday. Info, 589-2465

• **ALAMOSA** — VFW Post 899,  
Bingo every Tuesday, 519 Main  
Street

• **ALAMOSA** — B.P.O.E. ELKS

1297, Bingo, 7 p.m. every Thurs-  
day

• **ALAMOSA** — Toastmasters  
meets, noon-1 p.m. Mondays at  
The Bridge, 3407 Carroll Street.  
Info, Kristina, 588-5127.

• **ALAMOSA** — Optimist Club  
of Alamosa, noon, first, second  
and third Tuesday of each month,  
Inn of the Rio Grande. Board meet-  
ings on the fourth Tuesday. Info,  
Allyn Lewis at 589-4733

• **ALAMOSA** — TOPS (Taking  
Off Pounds Sensibly), 6-7:30 p.m.  
every Tuesday, College Heights  
Baptist Church, across from OMS,  
in Alamosa. Info, 589-1060

• **ANTONITO** — Come cele-  
brate, garden and eat with us at  
the Antonito School & Community  
Garden! Because of the start of  
school, we will now be meeting  
Sundays at 5 p.m. Visit us on the  
web for more information: www.  
valleybound.org."

• **CRESTONE** — Every Tuesday  
Yoga for Everybody will be of-  
fered at 9 a.m. in Crestone. RSVP  
to attend the small classes at no  
charge. Contact John at 256-5315.

• **CRESTONE** — Dharma Ocean  
will offer a weekly meditation  
group every Monday from 5:30-  
7:30 p.m. at the Crestone Charter  
School. This is a drop-in group and  
there is no cost.

• **DEL NORTE** — Yoga at the  
Ruth Marie Center, 575 Columbia  
Ave., with Milcah Hawk will be  
held every Thursday 5:30 to 7 p.m.  
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just a donation. Bring a mat or use  
ours. Visit www.theruthmarie.com  
or contact theruthmarie@gmail.

com, 719-850-1672.

• **DEL NORTE** — Bingo every  
Sunday at the Knights of Colum-  
bus Hall, 595 Pine Street. Doors  
open at noon and play starts at 1  
p.m. Concessions are also avail-  
able.

• **DEL NORTE** — Del Norte Ro-  
tary Club, 7 a.m. every Wednesday  
at Boogie's Restaurant. Wednesdays  
are welcome. Info, 657-2967.

• **DEL NORTE** — Del Norte  
Public Library preschool reading  
group, 1 p.m. each Tuesday

• **DEL NORTE** — TOPS (Take  
Off Pounds Sensibly) chapter  
meetings, 6 to 7 p.m. Thursdays  
Gateway Church, 975 Grande  
Ave. The first meeting always  
free. bring a friend. Info, Julie,  
719-206-2741

• **LA JARA** — Preschool reading  
program at Conejos County Li-  
brary 10 a.m.-1 p.m. every Friday

• **LA JARA** — Saturdays at noon,  
all are invited to come pray the  
traditional Holy Rosary at 403  
Poplar St. In La Jara.

• **MONTE VISTA** — Bible Study  
at the Monte Vista United Metho-  
dist Church starts Tuesdays at 10  
a.m. A verse by verse approach to  
1 Corinthians. A study of God's  
love. 215 Washington Ave., Monte  
Vista, Pastor Steve Dunkel, 852-  
2853

• **MONTE VISTA** — The Monte  
Vista Assembly of God Church,  
God's Closet, will be open Satur-  
days from 9 a.m. to noon They will  
provide clothing and misc. items to  
those in need. Located in the small  
shed behind the church, which is  
located at 881 N. Hwy. 285. They

will also take donations of clothing  
and misc. items, no furniture or  
mattresses. Contact Margarite At-  
encio at 580-9783 with questions.

• **MONTE VISTA - BINGO** - The  
Monte Vista Elks Lodge #2456 at  
121 Washington St. hosts Progres-  
sive BINGO every Wednesday at 7  
p.m. Refreshments and snacks are  
available for purchase. Doors open  
at 6 p.m. Call 852-2456 for info

• **MONTE VISTA** — Penny Bin-  
go every Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.  
at the Tri-County Senior Center,  
311 Washington St.

• **MONTE VISTA** — Learn  
about the Bible, starting with  
"baby steps," 9:45 a.m. Sundays,  
Monte Vista United Methodist  
Church. Info, 852-2790.

• **MONTE VISTA** — Anyone  
and everyone is welcome to gather  
from 2-4 p.m. Fridays at Wilde-  
thyme Art, 1631 Grande Avenue,  
for knitting, crocheting, spinning  
or any portable handwork

• **SOUTH FORK** — Bingo spon-  
sored by the South Fork Chamber  
of Commerce will be held every  
Thursday throughout the summer  
at the South Fork Community Cen-  
ter. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and  
bingo starts at 7 p.m. Concession  
stand and free raffle. All ages are  
welcome.

• **SOUTH FORK** — The Ki-  
wanis is a global organization of  
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ing the world, one child and one  
community at a time. They meet  
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Carnegie Library in South Fork.  
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# SLVBHG's Mobile Health Unit is rolling into the Valley

**SAN LUIS VALLEY** - The Colorado Department of Human Services, Office of Behavioral Health (OBH), received federal grants from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to help increase access to treatment for opioid use disorder. OBH partnered with Managed Service Organizations (MSO) Signal Behavioral Health Network and West Slope Casa to manage the mobile health unit project regionally, and work closely with the providers who will own and operate each unit. The San Luis Valley Behavioral Health Group is excited to announce that they were the recipients of a mobile health unit to service the San Luis Valley. The unit will visit the following communities weekly: Del Norte, South Fork, Center, Saguache, Antonito, La Jara and San Luis.

The mobile health units resemble a large recreational vehicle on the outside and a typical health clinic on the inside. Each unit will have four dedicated staff members: a licensed practical nurse (LPN), a licensed clinician with a strong background in addictions counseling (LPC/LAC), a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner (PMHNP), and a peer recovery coach. The state-of-the-art mobile clinic was explicitly

designed to administer treatment for opioid-use disorders or Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT). MAT is the use of FDA-approved medications, in combination with counseling and behavioral therapies, to provide a "whole-patient" approach to the treatment of substance use disorders. The San Luis Valley Behavioral Health Group uses two main medications, Suboxone and Vivitrol. Suboxone is used to help the client through the withdrawal process and break the psychological link between taking a drug and immediately feeling high. Vivitrol is a monthly injection that blocks opioids from reaching the brain and stopping an individual from feeling "high." Vivitrol also reduces cravings for opioid drugs and alcohol, letting the client focus on their counseling and recovery. Clients must be opioid-free before starting Vivitrol, using opioids while on Vivitrol can increase the risk of overdose.

Support services offered on the mobile health units include peer support, brief intervention, a prescription for medication-assisted treatment if needed, and linkage to wraparound services as well as referrals to ongoing therapy. One-on-one counseling and group therapy use techniques to help reverse the substance's adverse



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**The San Luis Valley Behavioral Health Group's new Mobile Health Unit. Left to Right: Jennifer Silva, Chief Clinical Officer and Fernando Martinez, Chief Executive Officer.**

effects on the brain. However, using these substances for an extended amount of time, the effects may not be reversible. Counseling then focuses on how to cope with these changes by establishing game plans to avoid relapsing and, most importantly, how to feel pleasure again without the use of substances.

MAT has proven to be clinically effective and to significantly reduce

the need for inpatient detoxification services for these individuals. MAT provides a more comprehensive, individually tailored program of medication and behavioral therapy. SLVBHG has been providing MAT services from its brick and mortar sites since 2015. MAT is proven to help people stay drug-free and progress in their recovery. Expanding this much-needed service to

our SLV communities will increase accessibility and help remove the transportation barrier.

SLVBHG will be hosting a series of red ribbon cuttings and will allow the public to tour the unit. Please follow on Facebook at facebook.com/slvbhg and our website at slvbhg.org/mobile for more information, the unit schedule and red cutting event announcements.

# New fishing licenses needed beginning March 1

**COLORADO** - Colorado Parks and Wildlife reminds anglers the upcoming 2020-2021 fishing season is upon us. This year, fishing licenses are available and valid Sunday, March 1.

New this year, the 2020-2021 fishing license is valid March 1, 2020, through March 31, 2021. Regulations and pricing for annual, daily and multiday fishing licenses can be found in the 2020 Colorado Fishing Brochure. For individuals ages 18 through 64, a \$10 Habitat Stamp is required with the first license purchase for the year. Youth underage 16 can fish for free, and CPW provides opportunities throughout the season

to learn how to fish.

Coloradans and non-resident visitors can purchase fishing licenses online, by phone at 1-800-244-5613, at your local CPW office or at any of our hundreds of authorized sales agents statewide. CPW does not receive general tax dollars and fishing license fees support all statewide hatchery and fish-stocking operations.

CPW stocks 90 million fish annually into waters throughout Colorado in order to ensure quality angling opportunities. Waters of Colorado are open to taking fish, amphibians, mollusks and crustaceans both day and night, year-round, except as

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"CPW crews will soon be spawning walleyes to replenish our walleye and saugeye fisheries," said CPW Aquatic Section Manager Matt Nicholl. "They will also be stocking front range waters with trout while water temperatures remain cool for added angling opportunities."

Whether you enjoy line fishing, ice fishing or fly fishing, Colorado provides 6,000 miles of streams and more than 1,300 lakes and reservoirs. Fishing in Colorado opens the prospect to catch 35 species of warm-water and cold-water fish.

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## Tickets on sale for "The Twilight Zone" and "The Myths and Bricks Project"

**ALAMOSA** - The Adams State University Theatre production, "The Twilight Zone" and "The Myths and Bricks Project," will open March 10 and continues nightly through March 13. Tickets went on sale Monday, March 2. The Theatre Box Office is open from 2:30 p.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For tickets and information call 719-587-8499. The two performances are directed and produced by theatre majors Brandon Billings and Kaleb Gideon Burris. Billings said, "The Twilight Zone" will include three classic shows adapted for the stage including, "Time Enough at Last"; "Nightmare at 20,000 Feet"; and "Eye of the Beholder." "The play adaptations include lots of twists and turns, making it more entertaining for the audience to watch onstage," Billings said. Burris directed and stars in his one-person show. He describes his 25-minute one-act as "really weird," and pairs well with the "Twilight Zone" acts.

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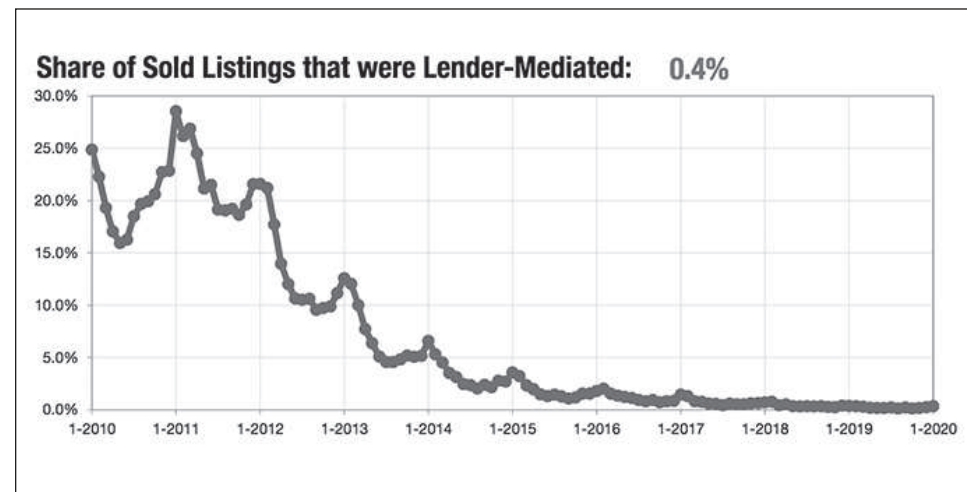
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## Secretary of State Report for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2019

**COLORADO** - GDP growth decelerates. U.S. GDP grew at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 2.1 percent in Q4 2019 according to the advance estimate (first estimate) from the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA). This is on par with the 2.1 percent growth recorded in Q3, and faster than the 1.1 percent growth recorded in Q4 2018. Personal consumption expenditures recorded slower growth of 1.8 percent, and government consumption expenditures grew 2.7 percent, while nonresidential fixed investment fell for the third consecutive quarter.

Colorado's economy grew 3.3 percent year-over-year in Q3 2019, in line with the growth recorded in Q3 2018. GDP increased at an annualized rate of 2.6 percent in Q3 2019. The Mining industry recorded the largest year-over-year gains.

In Colorado, 56,600 jobs were added from December 2018 to 2019, an increase of 2.1 percent. The Professional and Business Services industry saw the largest



Sold Listings	1-2019	1-2020	+/-
Traditional	5,970	6,486	+8.6%
REO	24	21	-12.5%
Short Sale	10	15	+50.0%
Total Market*	6,004	6,521	+8.6%

Median Sales Price	1-2019	1-2020	+/-
Traditional	\$357,950	\$380,000	+6.2%
REO	\$195,000	\$204,000	+4.6%
Short Sale	\$318,500	\$520,000	+63.3%
Total Market*	\$357,247	\$379,900	+6.3%

\* Total Market is not a sum of traditional, REO and short sale activity, as some lender-mediated homes can be listed both as REO and short sale. Percent changes are calculated using rounded figures.

**Colorado 2019 real estate lender-mediated transactions - Lender-mediated properties (distressed properties) are defined as foreclosure, lender owned, short sale, HUD and VA listings. Real estate owned (REO) is a class of property owned by a lender—typically a bank, government agency or government loan insurer—after an unsuccessful sale at a foreclosure auction.**

increase in employment in 2019, while employment in the Natural Resources and Mining and Other Services industries observed the smallest gains.

The national unemployment rate stood at 3.5 percent in December 2019, the lowest the rate has been since 1969. The national and state labor force participation rates re-

mained steady at around 63 percent and 69 percent, respectively. The unemployment rate in Colorado declined to 2.5 percent in December 2019, which is 1.1 percentage points lower than the same time a year ago. National initial jobless claims fell to 224,000 in December 2019 but were up 0.4 percent year-over-year. Continuing claims were flat year-over-year. In Colorado, initial and continuing claims decreased 10.3 percent and 2.2 percent, respectively, from January 2019 to January 2020. Colorado's relatively strong economic landscape.

Private firm growth in Colorado increased 2.7 percent annually, and nearly 4,000 private firms have been established in the first half of 2019. Business bankruptcy filings in Colorado also increased at a much slower pace than the nation, and total business filings in Colorado have declined nearly 5 percent from five years ago.

Foreclosures in Colorado are down 5.1 percent from Q3 2018 to Q3 2019, and the FHFA Purchase-Only Home Price Index increased 5.1 percent from Q3 2018 to Q3 2019. Home prices in Colorado are also higher than the nation. According to Zillow, the median home value in Colorado is \$397,820, compared to \$243,225 in the United States.

Colorado personal income increased to \$353.5 billion in Q3 2019, an annual increase of 5.3 percent according to the BEA. National personal income increased at a slightly slower pace of 4.4 percent over the same time period.

Colorado annual average wages, currently at \$60,340, also continue to outpace the nation by around \$2,100. Colorado gasoline prices decreased just shy of 5 percent over the past three months but increased 24.8 percent over the past year.

The Consumer Price Index in the Denver-Aurora-Lakewood region increased 1.9 percent (compared to 1.8 percent nationally) in 2019 (not seasonally adjusted). Core inflation (all items less food and energy) increased 2.5 percent in Colorado.

Building permits increased 4 percent over the past year nationally, but they declined 7.4 percent over the same time period in Colorado. The value of building permits also declined by 4.3 percent in December in Colorado.

Slowing pace of total new entity filings. Total new entity filings declined 0.4 percent year-over-year in Q4 2019 and 8.8 percent from the preceding quarter. A total of 127,079 total new entities were filed in the 12 months ending in Q4 2019, which is an increase of

0.3 percent year-over-year. In the preceding quarter, this figure was 5 percent. The deceleration in new entity filings may point to continued job growth at a slower pace. Similar trends in existing entity filings. Existing entity renewals in Q4 2019 were 132,754, a 1.1 percent decline year-over-year. In the 12 months ending in Q4, entity renewals increased 3.3 percent. This seasonality among quarters is typical, but existing entity filings reflect a similar theme of deceleration. In the 12 months ending in Q3 2019, existing equity renewals grew at a more rapid pace, 7.4 percent, compared to the 3.3 percent stated above.

Colorado business leaders' confidence rebounds slightly ahead of Q1 2020. After slipping to 46.9 in Q4 2019, business leaders' confidence improved in Q1 2020. The Leeds Business Confidence Index was 50.8 ahead of Q1 2020, reflecting just above neutral expectations. Confidence in the national economy also rebounded ahead of Q1 2020 to 45.9 after falling to 38.5 in Q4 2019. The remaining components of the survey expectations for the state economy, industry sales, hiring, and capital expenditures all slightly increased ahead of Q1 2020 and sit just above neutral.



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