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## News in Brief

### Public meeting on future of St. Benedict

**ALAMOSA** — The recent Supreme Court decision on City of Grants Pass, Oregon v. Johnson overturned previous legal precedent guiding local government enforcement of no-camping ordinances set by the Ninth Circuit in Martin v. Boise in 2018. It was this 2018 decision that partially led the City of Alamosa to create St. Benedict in 2020.

With the recent decision, the City of Alamosa no longer needs St. Benedict to enforce the no-camping ordinances on public property – sidewalks, parks, trails, alleys, etc. Given this significant shift, the Alamosa City Council will be hosting a public meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Aug. 14 at City Hall to receive input from the public and to discuss the future of St. Benedict.

City council encourages everyone who has an opinion to attend the meeting. Anyone not able to attend, can share their thoughts with Alamosa City Council members through their contact forms found on the City website <https://cityofalamosa.org/departments/city-council/>.

The public meeting will also utilize zoom, which allows for public comment as well at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85753492744>.

### Student orientation for Mechanical Engineers

**ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY** — From Aug. 12-15 an orientation to introduce Mechanical Engineering students to the Adams State campus, participate in hands-on activities with a little friendly competition, get to know the engineering/STEM faculty and students, familiarize students with college expectations is scheduled. Contact Sarah Noller at ASU for more information, 719-587-7076.

## MVPD to host National Night Out Aug. 13

By MARIE MCCOLM

**MONTE VISTA** — The Monte Vista Police Department will have its National Night Out event from 4 to 8 p.m. on Aug. 13 at Chapman Park. The public is invited to attend this child friendly that will feature free food and drinks, and games and music.

Last year an estimated 500 people

attended Monte Vista's National Night Out. National Night Out is a national drug and crime prevention event, that takes place yearly in cities across the United States. The event brings law enforcement and the community together in a casual atmosphere. One goal is through this interaction they can work together to prevent drug and

criminal activity in the community.

Many emergency personnel will attend the event, including ambulance and firefighters, and many other safety advocates for the community. There will be multiple booths set up at Chapman Park including a face painting, along with a bouncy house for the children.

The event will include a free hamburger or hot dog dinner for all attendees complete with chips and drinks.

Last year many MVPD officers cooked hamburgers and engaged with the community. This is a night when residents can ask officers questions about any safety concerns they

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Courtesy photo

The LOR Foundation helped the Monte Vista Police Department purchase N-100 masks.

## LOR Foundation helps MVPD purchase safety items

By MARIE MCCOLM

**MONTE VISTA** — Monte Vista Community LOR Officer Ivette Atencio said it was a privilege to help the Monte Vista Police Department with safety equipment.

"As a LOR officer, I enjoy hearing people's stories and helping them as much as I can. When Lt. Michael Martinez reached out to the LOR Foundation with a project idea that focused on law enforcement officer's health and safety, I understood where he was coming from, and really wanted to help. Hearing about the constant in-person contact that Monte Vista Police Department officers have with the community

and how it increases the chance for officers to encounter many viruses and germs, I could see the need for officers to have certain safety items."

Atencio explained that law enforcement is also at risk for dangerous substances and other contagions that could potentially be spread throughout their office.

"The LOR Foundation was happy to announce that we were able to help the Monte Vista Police Department obtain air purifiers and N-100 masks, to help keep the Monte Vista Police Department healthy and safe," Atencio said. "Law enforcement officers respond to emergency calls all the

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## Church Project hosts first play 'Knocking on the Devil's Door'

By MARIE MCCOLM

**MONTE VISTA** — The Church Project owner Madeleine Ahlborn was all smiles on the second night of the opening of the community play at her building.

The play, "Knocking on the Devil's Door," was the first to be held at the Church Project and was a riveting experience from beginning to end. Ahlborn was happy with the turnout of around 27 people for the play.

"It's very exciting, seeing all of this really happening and coming to life. The cast has been practicing for about a month, and they are super excited to be putting this play on for everyone tonight," she said.

"Knocking on the Devil's Door" was written and directed by Isaac Anthony Sisneros, a resident of Monte Vista. Sisneros also portrays the play's lead character "Tony".

Sisneros was a theatre major and received a bachelor's in theatre.

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Monte Vista's Isaac Anthony Sisneros, middle wrote, directed and starred as Tony in the play 'Knocking on the Devil's Door' that was being performed at the Church Project in Monte Vista. The play also featured the acting talents of Benjamin Alexander, left, as Rodney and Carson Leaf, right, as Melvin.

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# New law impacts processes for Concealed Weapons Permit

## STAFF REPORT

**ALAMOSA** — The office of Alamosa County Sheriff Robert Jackson (ACSO) released a notice that the Colorado House of Representatives passed new legislation, HB 24-1174, which will impact individuals seeking a new Concealed Weapons Permit (CCW). It will also impact people looking to renew their current CCW permit and certified firearms instructors providing training to CCW applicants.

According to information in the notice from ACSO, this new legislation introduces stricter guidelines for first-time applicants, detailing the required type of training, who can provide it, and where it must be completed. For

those renewing their CCW permit, a mandatory refresher course is now part of the application process. Certified instructors must follow new guidelines, including verification of their credentials by the sheriff of the county where they provide instruction.

Additional parts of this bill affect the process, so it is essential for all involved to read HB 24-1174 as soon as possible.

Due to some confusion regarding the language and initiation timeline of various parts of the bill, the County Sheriffs of Colorado is working on creating specific guidelines for all sheriffs across Colorado to follow. This information will be distributed to residents as soon as it is available. In the meantime, please famil-

iarize yourself with this new legislation.

Additionally, HB 24-1348, which addresses unattended firearms in unoccupied vehicles, has been passed and will go into effect on Jan. 1, 2025.

This legislation requires handguns in unattended vehicles to be stored in hard-sided, locked storage that is permanently mounted in the vehicle. It also mandates locking devices for any other unoccupied weapons, such as rifles, stored in a soft case in the vehicle. There are exceptions to some of these requirements, so it is crucial to familiarize yourself with HB 24-1348.

HB24-1174 can be read in its entirety by going to <https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb24-1174>.

# LOR

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time. When officers are responding to emergency calls, or police stops, officers currently use N-95 masks that are only good for one-time use. These types of masks are used as breathing protection for officers, where there is a potential for officers to encounter dangerous substances. N-95 masks are not reusable, but N-100 masks are reusable.”

Atencio stated that because the N-100 masks were reusable they would be an asset for law enforcement to have, rather than using the one-time N-95 masks.

Atencio said that another aspect in Lt. Martinez’s plan was his consideration of air purifiers for substances and other contagions that could be spread through a law enforcement office.

“Law enforcement officers sometimes transport chemical substances that are turned into an evidence department. Due to the transportation of these substances, health risks are higher, as contagions can be spread. Air purifiers would help to mitigate the risk of these contagions inside of a law enforcement building,” she said.

With the help of the LOR Foundation, the Monte Vista Police Department purchased 12 air purifiers and



Courtesy photo

The Monte Vista Police Department recently purchased air purifiers with the help of the LOR Foundation.

18 N-100 masks for the department. Atencio said that the LOR Foundation recognizes and understands the importance of keeping people in the community safe and healthy.

“When law enforcement officers are short staffed due to illness, that in turn can have an impact on the community as well,” she said.

Atencio said that it was a pleasure to work with Martinez to help the police

department with this safety project.

“We appreciate our law enforcement officers. The LOR Foundation is community driven. We want to help make life in Monte Vista even better, in any way we can,” she said.

The Monte Vista Police Department on its social media page thanked the LOR Foundation for their great donations of air purifiers and fentanyl masks for the department.

# NIGHT

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may have, get to know their local law enforcement officers, and hear what safety measures and preventative measures law enforcement uses.

Officer Twila Martinez organized the event last year and is the contact person for the event this year.

“This is a great community event. This is an annual event that we like to put on. We try to engage with the community to answer any questions that the community might have. We provide dinner and there are other booths set up. We try to have a fun filled night and engage with the community to build that trust and relationship with our community. We want them to know they are safe, and they can come to us when they need us. What we really want from people is for them to trust us and get to know us. We are here for our community, and

we want them to know that,” she said.

City Manager Gigi Dennis said that National Night Out is a great time for everyone to meet law enforcement and first responders.

“I think this is a wonderful opportunity for our people to engage with our law enforcement and see that they are wonderful people first. To see their

compassion and dedication in wanting to keep our community safe. They are here to help. These are solid people who care about our community,” Dennis said.

For more information about the upcoming event, to participate in the event or set up a booth at the event, contact Martinez at 719-850-4189.

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# OPINION & EDITORIAL

## Coal continues its precipitous decline



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Coal mining in Wyoming's Powder River Basin.

The coal mining industry reacted with outrage when the Bureau of Land Management recently announced plans to stop issuing new coal leases on the eastern plains of Wyoming and Montana.

From its headquarters in Washington, D.C., the National Mining Association predicted “a severe economic blow to mining states and communities,” while the industry’s political allies likened the move to declaring “war” on coal communities.

The truth is that coal has been steadily falling from its past dominance as energy king for nearly two decades. Domestic coal consumption dropped to 512 million tons in 2022, down 55 percent since its 2007 peak.

With the downward trajectory expected to continue, the Biden administration’s decision to end

coal leasing in the Powder River Basin — the nation’s largest coal-producing region — reflects clear market trends. And far from killing coal, the administration’s plan allows mining to continue as the market transitions.

Billions of tons of previously leased federal coal remain available for mining from 270 tracts across the nation, which combined cover an area larger than

Rocky Mountain National Park. One Montana mine has enough coal to keep operating until 2060. Taken together, economic effects related to ending new coal leasing in the Powder River Basin may not be felt until the 2040s and beyond.

Coal companies are well aware that U.S. energy markets have rapidly changed, a fact they soberly tell investors: “Over the last few years, customers have shifted to long-term supply agreements with shorter

utilization of (coal) plants and plant retirements, fluidity of natural gas pricing and the increased use of renewable energy sources,” Wyoming’s largest coal producer, Peabody Energy, disclosed in its 2023 financial filing.

Even with declining markets, the Biden administration did not come to the decision on its own. Arguing that BLM’s past reviews of coal’s contributions to climate change were inadequate, a coalition of environmental groups sued the government and won. That forced the agency to revisit whether more coal leasing was warranted.

“For decades, mining has affected public health, our local land, air, and water, and the global climate,”

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## Let the eating begin

Today Miss Trixie left for Texas to attend the funeral of a dear friend to us both. I would have gone along but Cooper the dog is very sick and so I am holding him 24-7 and praying. That’s all I can do at this point.

But anyway, Miss Trixie actually caught a ride down to Texas with some friends who were going to the same funeral and so she had good company on the way and will return the same way.

Ol’ Dutch sure hated to miss the funeral as there is nothing quite like a Texas send off. I have been to several and it’s more of a gathering of 300 to 600 closest friends who all sit around and tell stories about the dearly departed and smile and laugh. And that’s not all that occurs there. I am not talking about the reading of the will, but I am talking about the after-funeral brunch that is served Texas style.

I have read about the ancient Egyptians and other societies enclosing food in the sarcophagus for the departed to take on their otherworldly trip. But the first time I attended a funeral in the South, I soon found out that all the women bring food for those of us who were left behind and quantities enough to last several lifetimes as leftovers in the fridge.

They laid out a spread that would make any cruise ship buffet pale in embarrassment for their lack. You have the obligatory fried chicken, BBQ beef, meatloaf, roasts, ham and of course, who can forget the always present Little Smokies weenies in a rich red sauce. There are salads of every kind and quantity including Jello salads, pea salads, lettuce salads, tomato salads, cucumber salads and more spread out like King Solomon’s table.

With a plate quickly filling I have to decide if I have room for potatoes-sweet, mashed, fried, scalloped or baked. And then just when Ol’ Dutch thinks his plate cannot hold another item I spot the pastas including cold pasta salad, spaghetti, shells, and the southern staple, mac and cheese.

Now some of you might say that a person does not have to sample each item but let me tell you, if you do not, be prepared to answer as to why you didn’t try Aunt Mable’s taters or Grandma Jeans pea salad. It’s just easier to make room in your stomach than to have to have that conversation.

Finally finding a place to sit I try to eat the food I got but it’s difficult to do as there are people all around you asking questions about you kids, parents, aunts,



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by Kevin Kirkpatrick

uncles, preacher, wife, husband all in an attempt to see how you are somehow related to every single person in the hall.

But finally, you get the food down and push back from the table a bit to give yourself room to breathe when low and behold Sister Sally from the First Baptist arrives with pie and insists that you try her special recipe. So of course, not wanting to offend anyone, especially at a funeral, I accept the tall, sweet treat and make a go at consuming it.

At this point Ol’ Dutch begins to notice that the food seems to be going down a lot faster and easier as I am caught up in a conversation about Aunt Flo or Uncle Jerry and soon you find yourself standing in the dessert line looking at brownies, cakes, pies, ice cream, frozen concoctions and the ever present southern banana cream pudding with those cheap vanilla wafers inserted into the bowl.

Somehow the eating finally comes to an end and if you are from the North country like Ol’ Dutch, you assume this shindig is going to wind down. How mistaken can one be?

For now, what follows is hours of reminiscing about the Wilsons and all the other names of the area all of which make not one bit of sense to Ol’ Dutch. But finally, once again having settled all the old business of who belongs to who, the people begin to filter off towards home in the afternoon heat to resume waiting for the next kin or friend to pass to the great beyond.

So here is to Uncle Si, our friend who has passed over to the great beyond. May he find yard sales at every turn and deals of a miraculous nature.

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by Kevin Kirkpatrick

investors: “Over the last few years, customers have shifted to long-term supply agreements with shorter

## LETTERS

### Vote no and let CPW manage mountain lion, bobcat lynx species

Editor,  
Voters in November will again be asked to become biologists and decide if all hunting of mountain lion, bobcat, and lynx should be forever prohibited. If you want the pros at Colorado Parks and Wildlife, many of whom hold advanced degrees in wildlife biology, to manage these cat species, then you should vote no! If you want credible science to guide wildlife management decisions, then you should vote no! If you want wildlife management policies and regulation to be overseen by the Wildlife Commission, a citizen board appointed by the governor and designed to be apolitical and responsive to broad community interests, then you should vote no!

The proponents of this issue (Prop 91) tell you it is about protecting

these cats. It is not! They will tell you it will stop hunting them just as trophies. It does not! It will ban all hunting. They will tell you it will stop the inhumane ways of hunting them. It will ban all hunting.

Some facts: Lynx are already protected by the very agency that brought them back. Lynx occupy much higher elevations than where bobcat are hunted and there are regulations to exclude hunting bobcat above certain elevations.

Hunters who kill lions must take care of the meat just like hunters must do with other big game like deer or elk. It is illegal to kill a lion just for a trophy. That word is included in the ballot issue to deceive you or to tug on you for an emotional response. There are many times more lions in Colorado now than before 1965 when

they were declared big game animals and regulated hunting was begun. There is no credible science that can show regulated hunting is a threat to lion or bobcat populations.

There are scientifically developed management guidelines that are evaluated every year in order to determine if harvest objectives for lions and bobcats are being achieved. Analysis is conducted by professional wildlife scientists and managers with decades of experience.

I know these things because I was Colorado’s carnivore biologist for the last 17 years of my career and I helped frame the management guidelines that CPW pros have improved greatly upon since I retired. Please vote no on this November ballot issue.

*Jerry Apker  
Monte Vista*

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# Valley celebrates Alamosa Rural Training Track Residents' Graduation!

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ALAMOSA — Valley-Wide Health Systems announced that the Alamosa Rural Training Track (RTT) Residency Program had its sixth graduation ceremony in late-June honoring Dr. Tysen Nickle and Dr. Elizabeth Wolfe-Meyer.

The mission of the Alamosa RTT Residency Program is to provide medical education and training for Family Medicine Residents in an accredited residency program while they live and work in a rural community.

Training begins with the internship year at St. Mary-Corwin Medical Center in Pueblo, and the next two years are spent in Alamosa. The residency program is integrated with Valley-Wide Health Systems for primary care and with the SLV Health hospital for specialty rotations.

Dr. Tammy Gregg, Valley-Wide Family Medicine Physician and RTT Site Director noted "Dr. Wolfe-Meyer will be returning home to take care of her neighbors growing up, the epitome of Family Practice, treating them with care, humility and excellence. Dr. Nickle will continue to further his studies and increase his skills to provide excellent care in the future."

Dr. Nickle has accepted an OMM



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From left, Alamosa Rural Training Track (RTT) Residency Program graduating resident, Dr. Elizabeth Wolfe-Meyer; Dr. Tammy Gregg, Alamosa RTT Residency Program Site Director; graduating resident Dr. Tysen Nickle; and Dr. Allison Peddle, Residency Preceptor.

Fellowship with Rocky Vista University. Dr. Wolfe-Meyer is going to a rural family practice clinic in Kansas.

The residents awarded "Preceptor of the Year" to Dr. Richard Snider from SLV Health.

Dr. Snider commented, "I feel very fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with such a talented and committed group of residents here at SLV Health. Their hard work and dedication to providing high quality care will benefit patients for decades to come."

For more information on the program, call 719-589-3658 or visit [valley-widehealth.org](http://valley-widehealth.org).

## MV CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CORNER

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Here are our latest additions at the library: Bad River by Marc Cameron;

A Walk in the Park by Kevin Fedarko; Love & Whiskey by Fawn Weaver; Middle of the Night by Riley Sager; Calder Country by Janet Dailey;

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## ULLMANN

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power as he has the authority to shut off people's wells. That authority has been exercised in the past.

"It's a complicated job," he says. "In the 1800s, the courts only adjudicated water rights for agriculture and irrigation. Then laws were passed so that the court could adjudicate water for municipal and industrial purposes and, as we've grown, we've gotten recreational and channel diversions. And it's only going to get more complicated."

The idea that "water touches everything" was on display as topics in the conversation ranged from what is the purpose of the Rio Grande Roundtable to what is the role of the federal government in litigating the Rio Grande Compact.

When asked about the relationship between the Colorado Water Conservation Board and the DWR, both agreed the relationship was collaborative with many of the same priorities.

"The CWCB is, of course, the most popular water board," Coombs said to laughter from the audience.

"They get the money, and we get to shut off people's wells," Ullmann joked to even louder laughter.

When asked about what things Ullmann sees for the Rio Grande Basin down the road, Ullmann discussed how management of groundwater relies on modeling that calculates depletions to the stream.

Currently, the model relies on estimates to measure those depletions but a new model being developed includes 12 years of actual pumping so that measurements should be more accurate going forward.

"You can't manage what you can't measure," Coombs said.

When asked about which factors Ullmann sees in the Rio Grande Basin that are unique and others that are challenging, Ullmann discussed the combination of surface water and groundwater, which is unique compared to other basins in the state.

"The local solution that the Valley has chosen to move forward is creation of the subdistricts to manage sustainability. It's also the only basin with a legislative



Photo by Priscilla Waggoner

Paul Formisano, Nathan Coombs, and Jason Ullmann in McDaniel Hall on ASU campus discussing water issues in the SLV and elsewhere.

mandate for creating a sustainable system and sustainable aquifer.

"It's fairly rare across the West to have that kind of a mandate for sustainability," Ullmann says. "And this is a very large basin with the economy of the Valley dependent upon the aquifer. It's very encouraging to see that local solution. Hopefully, that continues to be the case."

Ullmann also said that Colorado is ahead of all the western states because the state recognized the connection between groundwater and surface water with passage of laws 50 years ago.

"We've managed those things together for many years. Not to say it's easy. But we're ahead of everyone because we have a fully developed water court system, and other states are just now beginning to do that," he said.

Ullmann and Coombs were also asked about the export of water.

"I understand the concern," Ullmann said. "Our role in the Division of Water Resources is prescribed and involves managing water appropriations. We don't have any applications for the current version of this project [to export water] so there's nothing to really comment on as if that project is viable or not or how they would push forward with it. But, in Colorado, there is a private property right that you can convey, and you can change. And that's the case in all basins in the state. I can't comment. But if there is an application, we would evaluate it for injury to other water rights and to comment to the court. We would also have a role as

experts who consult to the court with the water referee, just like we would with any other case. I know that's not what you want to hear but that is our role and where our authority is."

"I know it's emotional to think about this," Coombs said. "But to have confidence in your own water rights, you have to respect that the law is the law, love it or hate it. Our job here is to evaluate the reality of the threat. The Rio Grande Water Conservation District has people who watch that really closely."

"I'll tell you right now, it's not dead. The people who are in charge of that are trying to insert their people into different water boards and into different advisory roles that have more impact on the water plan. But there are very large hurdles.

"Until they file an application, there isn't much the state can do. But we, as a community, we can look at where are the appropriate places to look at conservation easements. Where can we legitimately and ethically protect our water.

"The threat isn't quite as imminent as you think. The Front Range—they don't want to take our water. It's just some bad actors trying to make a whole lot of money off of middle-manning some water," Coombs said.

In a final comment about the larger picture, Ullman added that pressures are going to increase.

"This year, we had 105% of snowpack but only 75% of runoff. Less run off from the same amount of snowfall will create more tension," he said.

## The Dangers of Doubt

God loves boldness and He wants us to be confident of His love for us. He wants us to know without a doubt that we are made right with Him through the sacrifice Jesus made for us on the cross—especially on those days when we feel unworthy of His love.

To live boldly means that we're willing to step out in faith to try new things and pursue our God-given dreams and passions without letting the fear of doubt overshadow our faith.

Doubt is a fear that can bring a lot of confusion: Did I make the right decision? I don't know. Maybe I did. Well, maybe I didn't. We can go back and forth like that in our heads forever. But I've found that when I'm confused, it's better to stop, turn off my brain, and just look at what's in my heart—not for what I think I should do, but what I believe I should do.

Sometimes it becomes very clear what God wants us to do; other times it's less obvious. But before you jump ahead, give God a chance to speak to your heart.

James 1:5-6 (AMP) says, "If any of you lacks wisdom [to guide him through a decision or circumstance], he is to ask of [our benevolent] God, who gives to everyone generously and without rebuke or blame, and it will be given to him. But he must ask [for wisdom] in faith, without doubting [God's willingness to help], for the one who doubts is like a billowing surge of the sea that is blown about and tossed by the wind."

I hope that you noticed it says, "If any of you" need wisdom. God isn't looking for perfect people; they don't exist. So, no matter where you are, God wants to help you! Isn't that good news?

God will never leave you or forsake you, and He will always remain faithful to His Word. All you have to do is ask and receive, dismissing the doubts that set themselves up against His Word. If you can do that, there's

no telling what God will make happen in your life!

Romans 4 gives a wonderful account of the story of Abraham, one of the great heroes of faith. Verses 18-19 say, "In hope against hope Abraham believed that he would become a father of many nations, as he had been promised [by God]: 'So [numberless] shall your descendants be.' Without becoming weak in faith he considered his own body, now as good as dead [for producing children] since he was about a hundred years old, and [he considered] the deadness of Sarah's womb" (AMP).

Abraham considered the facts. But he still believed God was greater. Verse 20 says, "But he did not doubt or waver in unbelief concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong and empowered by faith, giving glory to God" (AMP).

Instead of relying only on what we see around us, you and I can choose to believe God's Word. And we can open our mouths to speak words of thanks, like this:

"God, I remember the good things You've done for me and how You've been faithful to those who've trusted in You through the ages. I'm giving You praise today because I know You'll always be faithful."

Like Abraham, we all have times of waiting that God uses to test and stretch our faith. But He promises to work all things out for the good of those who love Him and are called according to His purpose (Romans 8:28).

Honestly, if we can keep a good attitude throughout the process, our wait time might be shorter than it would be if we decided we'd rather murmur and complain. God wants to use the challenges we experience to draw us closer to Him so that when our prayer is finally answered, and our day of breakthrough comes, we'll be stronger in our faith and able to withstand any opposition that comes against us.

Hebrews 10:36 (AMP) says, "For

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you have need of patient endurance [to bear up under difficult circumstances without compromising], so that when you have carried out the will of God, you may receive and enjoy to the full what is promised."

It takes boldness to believe God's promises are for you and not just for everyone else. It takes boldness to cling to His promises when the world around you says, "It will never happen! And it takes boldness to step out in faith and try something new. But be encouraged. God isn't concerned about you making mistakes. He knows you're not perfect and He wants to give you His wisdom and strength to do everything He's put in your heart.

So, stop doubting and step out in faith...and believe God can do something amazing in you and through you. He wants to see boldness in you!

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# San Luis Valley Fair opens in Monte Vista



Macklie Sims of Blue Spruce in Rio Grande County rides in the Junior Reining event of the San Luis Valley Fair Horse Show on Thursday at the Ski-Hi Complex in Monte Vista.



Avery Beckner of Lucky Shoe in Rio Grande County closes the gate after going through it during the Junior Trail event of the San Luis Valley Fair Horse Show on Thursday at the Ski-Hi Complex in Monte Vista.



A judge walks the Junior Trail event riders through the course on Thursday during the San Luis Valley Fair Horse Show at the Ski-Hi Complex in Monte Vista.



The San Luis Valley Fair kicked off Thursday morning, Aug. 1, with the two-day Horse Show at the Ski-Hi Complex in Monte Vista. The first day of the show is Western-English, followed at 9 a.m. on Friday with Ranch Horse and Gymkhana. Tucker Canty of the Blue Crew in Conejos County competes in the Senior Reining event. For a complete fair schedule, visit online sylvfair.com.

Photos by Brian Williams

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said Lynne Huskinson, a retired coal miner. She's a member of the Powder River Basin Resource Council, a Wyoming landowners' group that was among the plaintiffs.

Now, she said, "we look forward to BLM working with state and local partners to ensure a just economic transition for the Powder River Basin as we move toward a clean energy future."

Huskinson lives in Gillette, Wyo., where a dozen highly mechanized strip mines sprawl across the grasslands of the Powder River Basin. The Wyoming mines alone produce 40 percent of U.S. coal while employing less than 10 percent of the nation's 44,000 coal workers.

The Basin's mines have leased 8 billion tons of federal coal since the 1990s, a cheap and plentiful supply for the industry. The leasing process allows companies to nominate desired tracts, and then bid with little or no competition. Winning bidders often pay less than \$1 a ton for coal, plus a nominal annual rent and a royalty after final sale.

There is little question that leasing helped launch and sustain the region's energy boom. But in his 2022 decision, Judge Brian Morris of the Federal District Court of Montana cast his eye toward the future. Morris wrote that federal law required BLM to consider "long-term needs

of future generations" that included "recreation, range, timber, minerals, watershed, wildlife and fish, and natural scenic, scientific, and historical values." The judge also gave the federal agency an out: "Coal mining represents a potentially allowable use of public lands, but BLM is not required to lease public lands."

Morris' words cleared the way for BLM to stop leasing, a decision that dovetails with a Colorado College poll that found most residents in eight Rocky Mountain states — including Wyoming and Montana — want Congress to prioritize conservation over energy development on public lands.

The legal wrangling will likely continue, with the BLM reviewing protests from the coal industry and its political allies that lay the groundwork for more lawsuits. For now, though, it seems the Biden administration's decision to keep coal in the ground not only follows the market and the law, but public opinion, too.

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# Colorado Supreme Court denies Town of Del Norte's appeal attempt

## Lower court ruling voiding trustee Anzalone censure stands

### STAFF REPORT

**DEL NORTE** — The Colorado Supreme Court in July denied the “petition for writ of certiorari” by the Town of Del Norte, which was attempting to have a lower-court’s ruling overturned in the lawsuit by former trustee Laura Anzalone that claimed the town violated Colorado’s open meetings law when it censured her in 2021.

Certiorari is a court process to seek judicial review of a decision of a lower court or government agency. The denial of a petition for a writ of certiorari signifies only that the court has chosen not to accept the case for review and does not express the court’s view of the merits of the case. The odds were not in the Town of Del Norte’s favor as a petition for a writ of certiorari is rarely granted.

Anzalone, who was a trustee from 2018-2022, was censured by the town board in a special meeting in October of 2021. Four trustees and the mayor went into closed-door, executive session for the stated purposes of receiving legal advice “concerning Trustee removal” and “Action by Town Board ... relating to Trustee removal,” according to town records.

After the board exited executive session, Mayor Chris Trujillo announced there would be a “motion for censure” rather than a removal of Anzalone from office.

Trustee Shelly Burnett then read from a document censuring Anzalone for allegedly “encouraging citizens to file complaints” about an ordinance, being “deceptive” when requesting a special meeting, and “creating unnecessary tension in the work environment” for town staff. The board members present approved the censure.

Anzalone then filed suit in 2022 against the board. Attorney Katayoun Donnelly argued it had violated Colorado’s open meetings law by going behind closed doors to discuss whether to censure her, only coming back out to “rubberstamp” the decision.

Trial judge Crista Newmeyer-Olsen initially ruled in favor of the town in October of 2022.

Newmyer-Olsen dismissed Anzalone’s open-meetings lawsuit, concluding that the board’s opinion of her “performance as a trustee, which took the form of a censure,” was not subject to the law because a censure does not concern the “formation of public policy.”

Anzalone appealed to the Colorado Court of Appeals. A three-judge panel for the Court of Appeals in February ruled in her favor and voided the censure.

The panel of the state’s second-highest court wrote that Newmyer-Olsen “failed to recognize that the censure was a formal action and therefore . . . involved the Town’s policy-making powers.”

Shortly after the Court of Appeals ruled, Del Norte trustees voted 4-3 to send the decision to the Colorado Supreme Court. The public was divided on the issue.

Some said pursuing the case was not in the best interest of the community and that the money going toward the supreme court appeal would be better used elsewhere in the town. Other community members spoke for the decision, stating that the case needed to be resolved one way or the other because the money used to fight the case had already been spent.

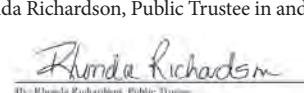
**NOTICE**  
Second Reading of Ordinance #928 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTE VISTA, COLORADO ADOPTING RULES AND REGULATIONS AS GUIDELINES FOR DESIGNATING SITE SELECTION AND CONSTRUCTION OF MAJOR NEW DOMESTIC WATER SYSTEMS AND MAJOR EXTENSIONS OF EXISTING DOMESTIC WATER SYSTEMS AND MUNICIPAL AND INDUSTRIAL WATER PROJECTS AS ACTIVITIES OF STATE INTEREST  
Please contact the City Clerk’s Office at 719-852-6171 if you have any questions or would like to review the full version of the ordinance.  
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In the months since the decision, the town has undergone several changes including voting in a new mayor, Burnett, in the spring and electing new trustees. Mayor Burnett and Anzalone were advised by their legal counsel to not comment on the verdict from the state supreme court at this time.

**NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Monte Vista, Rio Grande County, Colorado, will make final payment at the offices of the City of Monte Vista, 95 W. 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Monte Vista, CO 81144 at 10:00 a.m. on August 26, 2024, to Asphalt Constructors Inc., 7040 HWY 160W, Alamosa, CO 81101 for all work done by said contractor on the 2023-24 Batterson/Dennis Street Improvements Project. All of said construction being within the boundaries of the City of Monte Vista in the County of Rio Grande, State of Colorado.  
This notice is provided pursuant to CRS 38-26-107(1). Any person, co-partnership, association of persons, company or corporation that has furnished labor, materials, term hire, sustenance, provisions, provender or other supplies used or consumed by such Contractor or his Subcontractors in or about the performance of the work contracted to be done and whose claim therefore has not been paid by the Contractor or his Subcontractors, at any time up to and including the time of final settlement for the work contracted to be done is required to file a verified statement of the amount due and unpaid on account of such claim to the City of Monte Vista City Clerk at or before the time and date hereinabove shown. Failure on the part of any claimant to file such verified statement of claim prior to such final settlement will release said City of Monte Vista, its City Council, Officers, Agents and Employees, of and from any and all liability for such claim.  
BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF MONTE VISTA  
**No. 4853 published in the Monte Vista Journal, Wednesday, August 7, 2024.**

County Court  District Court  Denver Juvenile Court   
RIO GRANDE County, Colorado  
Court Address: 925 6<sup>th</sup> STREET, ROOM 204, DEL NORTE CO 81132  
FILED: July 22, 2024 1:27 PM  
In the Matter of the Petition of:  
 Adult:  
or  
 Parent/Petitioner: MIKAYLA WORZ  
for Minor Child: ATLAS ROWAN BATZER  
For a Change of Name to: ATLAS ROWAN WORZ  
COURT USE ONLY  
Case Number: 2024CV5  
Division 2 Courtroom  
**ORDER FOR PUBLICATION FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
The Court having read and considered the Petition for Change of Name of  Minor Child or  Adult finds:  
 That the statements made in the Petition satisfy the statutory requirements.  
 That the desired change of name is proper and not detrimental to the interests of any other person.  
 That the Petitioner has submitted the documentation required in §13-15-101(1)(b), C.R.S. from the fingerprint-based criminal history record check or has provided appropriate certified copies of any dispositions that would constitute a felony conviction in this state or any other state or under federal law.  
 That the change of name is in the best interest of the minor child.  
 Individuals over the age of fourteen (14) have submitted the documentation required in §13-15-101(1)(b), C.R.S. from the fingerprint-based criminal history record check or has provided appropriate certified copies of any dispositions that would constitute a felony if committed by an adult in this state or any other state or under federal law.  
The Court orders the following publication for a change of name:  
1. Name of ATLAS ROWAN BATZER  
First Name Middle Name Last Name  
is requested to be changed to ATLAS ROWAN WORZ  
First Name Middle Name Last Name  
2. Pursuant to statute, public notice of this change of name shall be published three times in a legal newspaper published in this county. This publication is to be made within 21 days of the date of this Order.  
3. Proper proof of publication shall be filed with the Court upon final publication to receive a Final Decree for a Change of Name.  
Date: July 22, 2024  
 Judge  Magistrate  
**No. 4852 published in the Monte Vista Journal, Thursday, July 31 and August 7 and 14, 2024.**

**COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION**  
**CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 24-1123**  
To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:  
On May 15, 2024, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Rio Grande records.  
Original Grantor(s) Valerie J Hagedorn  
Original Beneficiary(ies) Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as beneficiary, as nominee for Academy Mortgage Corporation, a Utah Corporation  
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt Nationstar Mortgage LLC  
Date of Deed of Trust May 27, 2011  
County of Recording Rio Grande  
Recording Date of Deed of Trust May 31, 2011  
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.) 201100411749 Book: 554 Page: 830-844  
Original Principal Amount \$189,195.00  
Outstanding Principal Balance \$162,264.61  
Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: Failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.  
**THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.**  
**LOT 16, HANSEN SUBDIVISION NO. 3, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED JULY 7, 1975 IN MAP DRAWER 10, MAP NO. 56, RIO GRANDE COUNTY, COLORADO**  
**Which has the address of: 583 Pine St, Monte Vista, CO 81144**  
**Purported common address: 583 Pine St, Monte Vista, CO 81144.**  
**THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.**

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.  
THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 09/11/2024, at Public Trustee Office, 925 6th St.Rm.103, Del Norte, CO 81132, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust , plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.  
First Publication 7/17/2024  
Last Publication 8/14/2024  
Name of Publication Monte Vista Journal  
**IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;**  
DATE: 05/15/2024  
Rhonda Richardson, Public Trustee in and for the County of Rio Grande, State of Colorado  
  
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:  
Scott Toebben #19011  
Randall S. Miller & Associates PC 216 16th Street, Suite 1210, Denver, CO 80202  
Attorney File # 23CO00345-1  
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.  
**No. 4845 published in the Monte Vista Journal, Wednesday, July 17, 24 and 31 and August 7 and 14, 2024.**

DISTRICT COURT, WATER DIVISION 3, STATE OF COLORADO  
TO: ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN WATER APPLICATIONS FILED IN WATER DIVISION 3.  
Pursuant to C.R.S. 37-92-302(3), you are notified that the following is a resume in Water Division 3, containing notice of applications and certain amendments filed in the office of the Water Clerk during the month of July 2024 for each county affected.  
**Case No. 2024CW9 CONCERNING THE APPLICATION FOR THE CHANGE OF WATER RIGHTS OF APPLICANT: Vista Farmland, LLC in the Rio Grande County.** Jim McCullough 5500 CR. 5 North Monte Vista CO. 81144 (719)588-5061 jimccullough-farmsllc@gmail.com Decreed water right for which change is sought: Name of structure: Well No. 3, Case No. W-196, WIDID 2008638. Permit No. 21036-U. Also recited in case No. 2004CW34. Date of original and all relevant subsequent decrees: September 19, 1974 (Case No. W-W196 No. 3.) and November 28, 2005 (Case No. 2004CW34). Legal description of structure as described in most recent decree that adjudicated the location: the NW1/4 SE1/4 Section 2, Township 39 North, Range 8 East, NMPM, at a point 1,470 feet from the South Section line and 2,620 feet from the East Section Line, Rio Grande County, Colorado. Easting 405950 Northing 4167741. Decreed source of water: Unconfined Aquifer of the Closed Basin. The depth of the well is 66 feet with 60 feet of perforated casing. Appropriation Date: April 15, 1961. Total amount decreed to structure in gallons per minute: Absolute 1,300 Gallons Per Minute being 2.89 cfs. Decreed use or uses: Irrigation. Amount of water that Applicant intends to change: None for this well. A. Name of Structure: Well No. 1, Case No. 93CW06, WIDID 2006673, Permit Number 20136-S. Well No. 1 is also recited in Case No. 2004CW34. Date of original and all relevant and subsequent decrees: December 16, 1993. Legal description of structure as described in the most recent decree that adjudicated the location: NW1/4 SE1/4 Section 2, Township 39 North, Range 8 East, NMPM, at a point 1320 feet from the South section line and 1,320 feet from the East section line, in Rio Grande County, Colorado. Easting 406343 Northing 4167634. Decreed source of water: Unconfined Aquifer of the Closed Basin. The depth of the well is 75 feet. Casing is plain from 0-20 feet and perforated from 20 to 75 feet. Appropriation Date: July 1, 1935. Total amount decreed to structure in gallons per minute: 1,000 GPM Absolute. Decreed use or uses: Limited in Case No. 93CW06 to irrigation of 136 acres within the SE1/4 of Section 2, Township 39 North, Range 8 East, NMPM.

Amount of water Applicant intends to change: Reduction in irrigated area after 2005 with this well from approximately 145 acres with a corner system down to 127 acres with full pivot sprinkler, provides additional consumptive use credit for commercial use at Well Nos. 3A and 3AA. Applicant will transfer sufficient flowrate and volume from Well No. 1 to allow increased use of Well Nos. 3A and 3AA. Name of Structure: Well No. 3A, Case No. 2004CW34, WIDID 2014320, Permit Number 63434-F. Date of original and all relevant and subsequent decrees. November 28, 2005. Legal description of structure as described in the most recent decree that adjudicated the location: SW 1/4 SE 1/4 Section 2, Township 39 North, Range 8 East, NMPM. Located 150 feet from the South Section line and 2,550 feet from the East Section line. Easting 405943 Northing 4167283. Decreed source of water: Unconfined Aquifer of the Closed Basin. The depth of the well is 47 Feet, with 37 feet of perforated casing. Appropriation Date: April 15, 1961. Total amount decreed to structure in gallons per minute: 33.5 GPM Absolute. The decree in Case No. 2004CW34 also allows for combined pumping rate for this humidification well and the associated fluming well at 1,300 GPM. The Combined flow rate of 1,300 GPM is also set out in this well’s permit. Decree use or uses: For Commercial Use, Humidification of Potatoes in storage. Amount of water Applicant intends to change: Applicant wishes to change and clarify the annual flow rates and annual volumes of diversions from said well. Applicant seeks to increase the annual consumptive use to 2.02 acre-feet. The decreed flowrate of 33.5 gpm will remain in place. Name of Structure: Well No. 3AA, Case No. 2004CW34, WIDID 2014012, Permit Number 63433-F. Date of original and all relevant and subsequent decrees. November 28, 2005. Legal description of structure as described in the most recent decree that adjudicated the location: SE 1/4 SW1/4 Section 2, Township 39 North, Range 8 East, NMPM. Located 400 feet from the South Section line and 2,550 from the East Section line. Easting 405951 Northing 4167336. Decreed source of water: Unconfined Aquifer of the Closed Basin. The depth of the well is 66 Feet, with 30 feet of 16” perforated casing. Appropriation Date: April 15, 1961. Total amount decreed to structure in gallons per minute: 800 GPM Absolute. Referee’s Ruling, dated October 25, 2005, Page 4, Paragraph 5.b. states “The combination flow rate of Well No. 3, Case No W-196, the domestic well with permit no. 68470, and the new well for potato fluming to be drilled in the SE1/4 of Section 2, T39, R8E, at a point 400 feet from the South section line and 2,550 feet from the East section line shall be limited to 1300 gpm.

\*NOTE – The 04CW34 decree currently allows only 6.76 acre ft of consumptive use for commercial uses. Decree use or uses: For Commercial Use, Fluming of Potatoes in storage located in the SW1/4 SE1/4 of Section 2, Township 39 North, Range 8 East, NMPM. Amount of water Applicant intends to change: Applicant wishes to change and clarify the annual flow rates and annual volumes of diversions from said well. Detailed description of proposed change: **PART A. Humidification Well Permit No. 63434-F, Well No. 3A, Case No. 04CW34 Please Refer to HCU Analysis by Colton Batey of Agro Engineering, dated October 27, 2021,** Applicant requests 33.5 gpm decreed as commercial use water in Case No. 2004CW34 be established, to allow 2.020 acre feet of annual consumptive use. To increase the annual appropriation from said Humidification Well for commercial use One Potato Storage Facility, which stores up to 300,000 cwt. The Estimated Water Usage Needed: Usage Type: 300,000 cwt Potato Storage Estimated Water Usage .673AF/100,000 cwt AF/Year 2.02 AF. The subject well has already become a non-exempt well structure with full year-round commercial use under the decree for 2004CW34. The well will be subject to the Rules Governing the Withdrawal of  
Groundwater in Water Division No. 3. (The Rio Grande Basin) as finalized in Case No. 15CW3024. In the original Case No. 2004CW34, the subject well was set up to provide humidification and storage of 300,000 cwt of potatoes. The total decreed volume for commercial use is 2.02 AF for commercial use. The new engineering report assumes 100% consumptive use for the humidification systems. **PART B. Fluming Well: Well Permit No. 63433-F, Well No. 3AA, Case No. 04CW34: Please Refer to HCU Analysis by Colton Batey of Agro Engineering, dated October 27, 2021,** Applicant requests 1,200 gpm decreed as commercial use water in Case No. 2004CW34 be established, to allow 2.96 acre feet of annual consumptive use. To increase the annual flow rate from said Fluming Well for commercial use One Potato Storage Facility, which stores up to 300,000 cwt. The Estimated Water Usage Needed: Usage Type – Fluming 300,000 cwt Potato Storage Estimated Water Usage 22.50 AF/100,000 cwt Gross Average AF/Year 90.00 AF CU AF/Year 2.96 The consumptive use for the fluming includes water for fluming potatoes, recharge pond evaporation, and washing out bins. The subject well has already become a non-exempt well structure with full year-round commercial use under the decree for 2004CW34. The well will be subject to the Rules Governing the Withdrawal of Groundwater in Water Division No. 3. (The Rio Grande Basin) as finalized in Case No. 15CW3024. In the original Case No. 2004CW34, the subject well was set up to provide humidification and storage of 300,000 cwt of potatoes. The total decreed volume for commercial use is 2.02 AF for commercial use. The new engineering report assumes 100% consumptive use for the humidification systems. The applicant received a Cease and Desist letter from the Division 3 Engineer on May 3, 2024, citing the flow rate of the fluming well exceeded the decreed flow rate of 800 gpm. The applicant contends the flow rate of 1,200 gpm is the minimum flow rate of the fluming system to operate according to its original 2004 design. The new decree in this case will be clear in the actual combined flow rates at 1,233.5 gpm and the annual gross volumes of both wells at 92.02 acre feet. In the original ruling in Case No. 2004CW34 also assumed the farm quarter on which the potato storage units sit on was limited to 145 acres under sprinkler irrigation. In fact, in 2004 the applicant removed the pivot irrigation corner system on the sprinkler. Since that time the irrigation wells on the sprinkler quarter have only been irrigating 127 acres every year. Based on an average of 2.0 acre feet per acre per year for irrigation of typical crops, there has been a savings of approximately 36 acre feet in pumping annually and with an irrigation efficiency of 83%, the actual saved consumptive use 29.9 acre feet. The total savings in consumptive use for the past 19 years would be 568.1 acre feet. This would more than offset the Division’s concerns for the alleged over pumping of the fluming system. See paragraph 6.6 of 04CW34 for irrigation limits. Paragraph 6 & 7 deal with current limits on commercial use. Name(s) and address(es) of owner(s) or reputed owners Jim McCullough 5500 CR 5 North Monte Vista, CO 81144 (719)588-5061.  
**You are notified that you have until the last day of September 2024, to file with the Water Clerk a verified statement of opposition setting forth facts as to why a certain application should not be granted or why it should be granted only in part or on certain conditions or a protest to the requested correction. A copy of such a statement of opposition or protest must also be served upon the Applicant or the Applicant’s attorney and an affidavit or certificate of such service must be filed with the Water Clerk. The filing fee for the Statement of Opposition is \$192.00. Forms may be obtained from the Water Clerk’s Office or our website at www.courts.state.co.us. Jennifer Pacheco, Water Clerk, Water Division 3, 8955 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101.**  
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# Statewide COVID cases shot up in July

## Similar trend in Alamosa County

**By PRISCILLA WAGGONER**  
**ALAMOSA** — Just when the topic of COVID seemed like a thing of the past, recent numbers reported by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) show that it is still with us. The year 2024 began with a sobering 3,306 cases reported statewide. But then numbers started decreasing and kept on a downward trend through the first half of the year, reaching a low of less than 500 cases by the end of April.

That trend has now reversed, starting slowly at first and then picking up steam with cases increasingly on the rise. July showed the sharpest increase all year as numbers soared from 1,407 statewide in the last week of June to 2,319 in the last week of July.

Beverly Strnad, R.N. and interim director of Alamosa County Public Health, confirmed with the Valley Courier that the same trend has been happening in Alamosa but was quick to add that the first week of August showed numbers dropping again.

When asked if she could provide a specific number about how many positive cases have been confirmed in Alamosa County, Strnad was reluctant, and her reasoning made sense.

“We have seen the numbers of COVID-19 cases in Alamosa County increase since July 1, which is quite similar to state data but any specific number I could give you has no context,” she said. “The only numbers we can track are those where someone has been hospitalized or has been to a doctor and their tests have been sent off to a lab.

“Now that home tests are so readily available, people are testing at home. Sometimes they can get false negatives. Sometimes,

they’ll test positive, but they don’t feel sick enough to go to the doctor. Or sometimes, people feel sick but assume it’s a cold or allergies and don’t test, at all. So, quoting any number would just be the cases we know about, not how many cases there actually are.”

At the moment, there is no indication that any efforts to address increasing numbers of COVID cases will be made on a Valley-wide basis, although it appears that other counties are seeing an increase, as well.

During an All Hazards meeting on Monday, Paul Wertz, R.N., M.S.N. and director of Costilla County Public Health echoed what Strnad told the Courier.

“There has been a small uptick in the number of cases in Costilla County,” he told the Courier, “but not much serious illness.”

Strnad also said those familiar with the virus are not surprised by the increase, as the same trend was observed in July of last year. That trend showed significantly fewer numbers than what current graphs show.

With students returning to school, Strnad mentioned safeguards that people should consider taking to minimize their risk of catching the virus and answered a few questions put to her by the Valley Courier.

What are everyday actions to prevent COVID-19?

Stay up to date with vaccines. The next vaccine is scheduled to be released to the public sometime in the fall.

Practice good hygiene such as covering your coughs and sneezes, washing or sanitizing hands often and cleaning frequently touched surfaces. Take steps for cleaner air, such as bringing in fresh outside air, purifying indoor air, or gathering outdoors. When you may have a respiratory virus use precautions to prevent spread and seek health care evaluation and treatment as appropriate.

She also added that, since March 2024,

COVID-19 guidance aligns with guidance for other respiratory viruses, such as flu and RSV.

When asked what should a person do if they test positive for COVID-19, Strnad said steps to prevent spreading the virus include staying at home and away from others, covering coughs and sneezes and washing hands frequently.

People are advised to ask their health care provider about medicine as soon as possible.

“Medicine for COVID-19 works best if it’s taken within a few days of when you first felt symptoms or tested positive. It’s important to get medicine fast to lower your risk of serious illness,” she says.

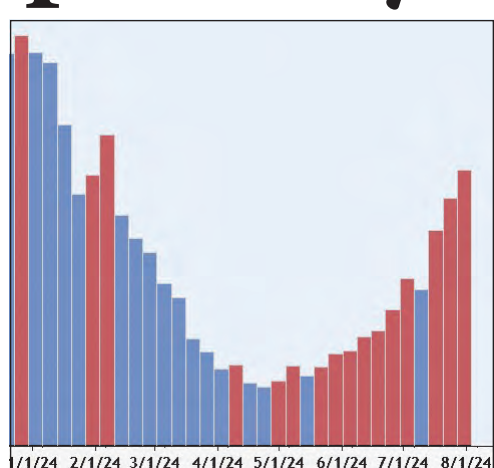
She also advised people with risk factors to seek health care for treatment. Generally, people at higher risk of severe illness from respiratory viruses are older adults, young children, people with compromised immune systems, people with disabilities, and pregnant people.

Finally, if someone has the virus, it is imperative that they tell those they live with or have spent time with in the past five days. This is especially important if they are at high risk of severe illness.

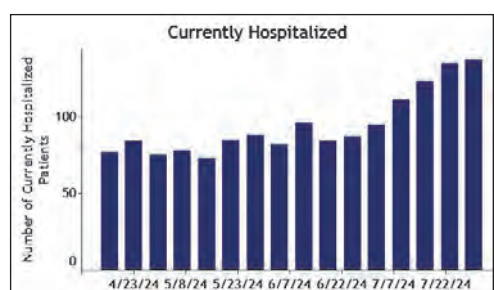
“You can go back to your normal activities when your symptoms have gotten better overall and you have not had a fever without taking fever-reducing medication for at least 24 hours,” she says. “Take precautions over the following five days, such as limiting contact with others and wearing a mask over your nose and mouth when around others and when in public. If you develop a fever or start to feel worse, again stay home and away from others and follow the above guidelines.”

Finally, what should a person do if they test negative for COVID-19?

“The rapid at-home tests you can buy at a pharmacy or grocery store are usually accurate, but it’s possible for an antigen test to



Graph from CDPHE showing trends in the numbers of cases since the first week of 2024.



Graph from CDPHE showing more recent data on hospitalizations in Colorado.

give you a negative result when you actually do have COVID-19.

A negative COVID-19 test means the test did not detect the virus, but this doesn’t rule out that you could have an infection. You may want to repeat the test in 48 hours. If you have symptoms, you may want to see a provider for testing. You should also take action to help protect others from health risks caused by respiratory viruses.”

Strnad wrapped up the conversation by repeating what many have said, as well. COVID likely isn’t going anywhere and will eventually be viewed as a sickness to guard against, much like the flu.

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# Despite good natural conditions, human-bear conflict spiking across southwest Colorado

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**DURANGO** — Wildlife officers across southwest Colorado have seen a considerable increase in human-bear conflict in July, a worrisome trend well ahead of hyperphagia.

“We are having to handle a lot of bears right now,” said CPW Area Wildlife Manager Adrian Archuleta of Durango. “It’s been hot and heavy here for the last two or three weeks, and it’s not showing signs of slowing down.”

“We know people hear this from us all the time, but we really need the public to do their part right now. Properly securing your trash and removing attractants is the first thing people can do to help.”

Conflicts have risen to the point where officers from the Durango area office have had to set significantly more traps compared to the same date a year ago. CPW will not trap bears in every conflict situation but will instead aims to start with an assessment of potential attractants, education and discussions of ways to prevent conflict longer term.

“We always want to intervene before it’s necessary to set a trap,

but too often we are getting reports weeks after the initial conflict and once problems escalate to the point where human health and safety is at risk,” Archuleta said. “If we can get reports the first time there is an incident, we can proactively work to educate, remove attractants and give advice on securing attractants so that a trap may not need to be set.”

During most years, bear activity ramps up in late summer and fall as bears enter hyperphagia, so the early conflicts already reported have wildlife managers concerned about the forecast for upcoming months.

“It’s weird because things are green, we’ve had decent moisture and natural food is available, so it’s hard to explain why we are having so many issues,” Archuleta said. “But what we know is that it’s critical for people to call our office when they first start having conflicts with bears so we can try to solve issues before they become conflicts.”

Conflict in La Plata and Montezuma counties has primarily been centered around juvenile bears that likely have not carved out their territory in the high country or in drain-

ages. Conflicts in the high country have been relatively few, as there is a good supply of natural forage this year and conditions suggest a strong acorn crop in the fall.

But bears living in marginal habitats can lead to increased human-bear conflict, making it even more important for humans to remove attractants from their homes or keep a clean camp.

“Incidents start with a bear getting into one cooler at a campground, and then a few weeks later, we have a bear getting into a tent or leaning on hard-sided campers,” Archuleta said. “Or you have a bear that gets into trash, pet food left outside or a bird feeder, and then a week later, bears are getting through screen doors and windows or walking into a house through an opened sliding door. The incidents people think are small – like that cooler or pet food – lead to behavior that presents a danger to human health and safety.”

Issues elsewhere in the Southwest Region of CPW are primarily related to hobby livestock.

“We’ve had a lot of food-source issues so far,” said CPW Area Wildlife Manager Rachel Sralla out of Montrose. “We are really encouraging people to protect hobby livestock, even when it’s close to a home, with

electric fencing. Electricity is an excellent bear deterrent. Electric mats or ‘unwelcome mats’ can help keep bears out of unattended cabins and homes.”

Kevin Bryan, District Wildlife Manager in Cedaredge, said it is up to all of us to do our part to keep bears wild and away from human development. He recommends always cleaning a BBQ grill after use, safely securing trash and taking down bird feeders.

“When you live in bear habitat, there should be an obligation to mitigate conflict. It’s not asking too much to get rid of or bring in bird feeders at night, including hummingbird feeders,” Bryan said. “Multiple people I have spoken with this year appear to not realize that bears are attracted to hummingbird feeders. Of course, trash remains our state’s No. 1 cause of human-bear conflict. Making sure you are securing your trash and not putting it out on the curb until the morning of pickup is always the most important thing you can do.”

“As this year is proving, just because you haven’t seen a bear in several years, doesn’t mean that one won’t show up this week and take advantage of a human food source. Make those food sources unavailable and a bear will move on.”



Courtesy photo  
An adult male (boar) black bear is released from a Colorado Parks and Wildlife trap after being relocated from underneath a porch in Pagosa Springs.

One concern CPW is aware of from the public is a reluctance to report bear activity over a belief it will lead to the bear being put down. Data shows that of the 3,526 reports wildlife managers received on bears in 2023, only 1.8% led to euthanization. The vast majority of conflict reports led to wildlife officers getting involved early enough to intervene, reduce conflict and prevent the need to euthanize a bear.

To report bear activity, call the local CPW office directly.

## Suspect in fatal Saguache County OIS identified

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**CRESTONE** — The suspect killed in a fatal shooting by a Saguache County Sheriff Deputy last week has been identified as 40-year-old Jonathan Aaron Wood, the Colorado Bureau of Investigation reported on Monday.

On Thursday, July 25, at approximately 12 p.m., a Saguache County Sheriff’s Office deputy was driving near the town of Crestone to serve papers when he observed Wood walking about a mile from the entrance of the Baca Grande Subdivision, CBI reported. The deputy recognized Wood as having active warrants.

The deputy attempted to talk with Wood when he began attacking the deputy with a 4-foot metal pipe, CBI reported. The deputy pulled out his service weapon and fired twice, hitting the suspect. The deputy immediately began performing life-saving measures, but Wood was pronounced deceased at the scene. The deputy was transported to a local hospital, where he was treated and released for minor injuries.

At the time of the shooting, Wood was wanted for wanted for a felony warrant in Saguache County for assault on a peace officer and a misdemeanor

warrant in Mineral County for damaged property-criminal mischief, CBI reported.

The felony warrant was related to a series of events on Aug. 11, 2023. Neighbors had called 911 because they said Wood was acting erratically and in a threatening manner with a 4-foot wooden stick. Neighbors reported Wood was insisting he could hear voices screaming for help from his neighbor’s shed and then from inside the neighbor’s home after neighbors opened the shed to show Wood no one was inside.

When deputies later attempted to speak to Wood, he threatened deputies with the wooden stick and allegedly punched a deputy in the head, CBI reported. Wood’s failure to later appear in court on that assault charge is what led to the outstanding warrant and his fatal confrontation with a deputy on July 25.

The Colorado Bureau of Investigation is assisting the Saguache County Sheriff’s Office into the investigation of the fatal shooting. The deputy involved activated his body-cam and the footage is being reviewed by investigators. The deputy has been placed on administrative leave while the investigation continues.

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A Dark Sky program is set for Aug. 3 at Great Sand Dunes.

## Dark Sky program at Great Sand Dunes

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**GREAT SAND DUNES NATIONAL PARK AND PRESERVE** — Join the park service on Aug. 3 at Great Sand Dunes in celebrating the dark sky. This year the special presenter is Kozmic Kyle. The presentation will start at 8:45 p.m.

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program is interactive and best for ages 7-adult (but all are welcome). If you can, bring a red light and a pencil or pen for drawing on your skymap.

Kozmic Kyle has been a planetarium educator for 25 years and helped set up planetarium education programs in the UK, Poland, Ghana, Kenya, and many places in the US. He is especially interested in helping empower Indigenous cultures around the world to use modern planetarium tools to record, preserve and teach their own cultural knowledge in a good way. He looks forward to moving from cloudy, light polluted Seattle into the San Luis Valley's dark skies.

Call the park at 719-378-6395, for exact location and other details.

## Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado in archeological survey

By JOHN WATERS

**RIO GRANDE NATIONAL FOREST** — According to Katie Goodleaf, volunteer coordinator with the U.S. Forest Service, a group with Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado (VOC), which usually works on trail-related projects, assisted forest archeologist **Please see SURVEY on Page 7**

Rio Grande National Forest Archeologist Price Heiner welcomes volunteers to the national forest. The group spent four days in June conducting archeological surveys through Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado. Heiner gave the group a brief history of the Duncan Cabin built by gold miner John Duncan in the 1880s.

Photo by John Waters



## MC Sheriff and Emergency Manager update community

By LYNDSIE FERRELL

**MINERAL COUNTY** — It has been a busy summer in Creede and Mineral County Sheriff Terry Wetherill was pleased to state that there have been minimal issues in the area.

"We have some really great people who come here for the summer, and they come to have a good time. We are proud to have well behaved folks from all over some to enjoy the summer with us," Wetherill said.

According to Wetherill, it has been a relatively quiet summer in Mineral County as far as crime **Please see UPDATE on Page 2**

**Mineral County Search and Rescue, Mineral County Emergency Manager Clint Leggit, and Mineral County Sheriff Terry Wetherill have spent the summer continuing their training and working through a busy summer season.**

Photo courtesy of Mineral County SAR



## Colorado Master Gardener program accepting applications

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Do you love gardening? Whether you are a person doing your own backyard gardening or someone who does it for a living, the Colorado Master Gardener program may be for you. The Colorado Master Gardener program is where you learn in-depth about gardening in Colorado. The 12 gardening classes include vegetable gardening, tree care, diagnosing problems, weed control, plant pathology, soils and some time spent on mountain gardening. The program will be taught totally on-line, starting November 2024 and going

through March 2025.

Getting signed up is a two-step process, first applying, and then after being accepted, registering.

The first step is to apply now, between Aug. 1 and Aug. 30, at ColoradoMasterGardener.org or go to <https://cmg.extension.colostate.edu/about/become-a-colorado-master-gardener-2/>. The second step, once your application has been accepted, is you will be sent a link to register and pay.

You have the option of two different program tracks. The first is the volunteer track. If a person has time and interest to

volunteer to teach horticulture and gardening to others in our community, and to develop an ongoing relationship with other Master Gardeners, they can take the class for a much-reduced fee of \$200. With the reduced fee, the volunteer agrees to provide 50 hours of volunteer time back to Colorado State University, in the San Luis Valley community, through the local Extension office after they have completed the classes. As is required of all Colorado State University volunteers, a background check and reference checks are required. After the background check is completed, you can

register and pay for the course.

Not interested in volunteering? The second track is the non-volunteer track, called the Colorado Gardener Certificate. This is more for the person who just wants to increase their knowledge for themselves. Those who choose this program are not required to volunteer and will not join in with the ongoing Master Gardener group. This track is simpler to get signed up. There is no application or background check required, only registration. Registration for this track opens Aug. 19, and the fee is \$545. There is a savings for early bird

registration completed by Sept. 30.

For the volunteer track, the application period opens Aug. 1 and closes Aug. 30, and the first step is to apply right now. There are a limited number of scholarships available which cover part of the fee. You can learn more and apply online at ColoradoMasterGardener.org. You can also learn more from the SLV Area Extension Office by calling, emailing, or stopping in at 1899 East Hwy. 160, Monte Vista; phone 719-852-7381; email Larry Brown at [L.Brown@colostate.edu](mailto:L.Brown@colostate.edu) or Jennifer Vandiver at [Jennifer.Norris@colostate.edu](mailto:Jennifer.Norris@colostate.edu).

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# UPDATE

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goes, though some instances did occur earlier in the season. Wetherill stated that they did have two home break-ins, but the suspects were charged and are undergoing prosecution.

“We had a break-in where the suspects stole some items and a vehicle. Our officers were able to recover the vehicle and we are actively charging two individuals,” he said. Identities of the suspects have not been released as this remains an active investigation.

Wetherill stated that there was a second minor break-in where two BB guns were stolen, but that the investigation showed that the two incidences were not related.

“Considering how busy we have been, these two incidences are not bad in comparison with some other communities. We are so fortunate that 90 percent of our guests are good, law-abiding citizens,” Wetherill said.

Mineral County Emergency Manager Clint Leggitt was also available for an update stating that he and his team have had a few missions including a dehydrated hiker and a broken ankle recovery mission near Creede.

“We always tell people to not wait to report an incident. Call us the minute you feel you are unable to help yourself in these situations, it gives us time to get to you and help,” said Leggitt.


Outside of active incidences,

both offices have been undergoing continued training including rope training, an OSHA 40-hour Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response (HAZWOPER) Online Training and a Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA). MSHA Part 48 Underground: This is 32 hours of classroom and 8-hours of mine-specific training.

The Mineral County Sheriff’s Office also joined about 20 troopers from Colorado State Patrol while conducting Active Shooter Training at Creede School on July 1. On July 18, Sgt. Steven Johnson from the Colorado State Patrol came back to Creede School to conduct more one-on-one Active Shooter Training with sheriff’s office personnel including with Leggitt.

“We plan to continue training as the summer comes to a close and we always want to impress upon people to remember where they are. It takes time to acclimate to the climate, altitude sickness is a real thing so be sure to be prepared you head out to enjoy our backcountry and again, don’t hesitate to call us the minute something goes wrong. It takes our teams time to respond to a call and resources have to be gathered. Always have a communication device on you and call us when you need us,” said Wetherill.

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- BW Tractor
- Model R Tractor
- 1931 GP Wide Tread Tractor 1/16 scale
- 1937 Model G Tractor Model D
- 1/16 scale Unstyled L Tractor
- 28x46 Threshing Machine
- Model H Tractor
- Lindeman Crawler
- Model A Tractor
- Precision Scale A with Cultivator
- Precision Scale B Tractor
- Horse Drawn Wagon
- Model B Tractor Classic Tin Collectible
- Model G Tractor
- 1940 12A Combine
- Waterloo Boy 2HP engine
- 1937 Model B Tractor
- 1931 GP Tractor with Flare Box Wagon
- Model 50 with Flare Box Wagon
- Model 20 Pedal Tractor
- Model 60 Tractor
- 530 Waterloo Tractor
- 1930 GP Wide Tread
- 4010 Tractor
- Widefront G
- 1956 720
- Model 80
- Model R Precision Key
- 1937 Model BR with Flare Box Wagon
- Several Model A Tractors
- Overtime Tractor
- Model 520 Tractor
- 1920's Wayne Gas Pumps Limited Edition





#### Motorcycles


- 1948 Indian Chief
- 1930 Indian Chief
- 1948 Military Indian Chief
- 1920 Scout Indian Chief
- Water Cycle 1903 H. Davidson
- 1917 V3 Speed Twin Model I H.D.

#### Airplanes

- 1931 Biplane 3rd in a series
- Corgi Airplane Limited Edition
- Consolidated B24H Liberator
- 1940 Grumman Goose 4th in a series
- 1930 Travel Air Model R Mystery Ship
- 1929 Curtiss Robin 6th of series
- 1936 "The Duck" Keystone-Loening
- 1929 Burl CA-6Sesquiplane







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### 07 Help Wanted

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### Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

### Solution to last week's puzzle

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# Valley Wide Classifieds

**Now hiring a full-time bookkeeper/estimator.** Must have computer experience, be professional, reliable and organized. Hours M-F from 8:00 to 5:00. Please send resume to marcie@slvproperties.com. (8-14)

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Call 719-655-2231 for more information. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Saguache County is an EEO employer. Drug testing and a background check will be required for final applicants. (8-28)

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staff positions can be picked up at the District Office or online at www.urtigers.co. (8-21)

**Wolf Creek Ski Area is hiring a Full Time Staff Accountant.** Those with Bookkeeping, Payroll, Accounts Payable or public accounting experience are encouraged to apply. Familiarity with Microsoft Excel is preferred. Attention to detail, and organizational skills are required. The office is located at the Ski Area located on top of Wolf Creek Pass and requires commuting throughout the year. This is a year-round position, with longer hours during the winter operating months, and a shorter work week in the summer months. This position offers skiing privileges, and

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**Wolf Creek Ski Area is hiring an Accounting Assistant.** Those with Bookkeeping, Accounting, Clerical or Human Resources experience are encouraged to apply. The office is located at the Ski Area located on

**Consignment Auction - Small Animals**  
**4:30 p.m. • Aug. 30**  
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**Contact Eddie Miller 719-849-8063**

## San Luis Valley Area Real Estate

**UNDER CONTRACT**



**Matthews 240 Acre Farm**  
 2 Bedroom, 1 Bath, Approx. 1,197 Sq. Ft.  
 \$1,800,000 | MLS #801112  
 4953 E. CR 9, Monte Vista, CO  
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**Rio Grande Riverfront Home**  
 4 Bedroom, 4 Bath, Approx. 3,740 Sq. Ft. and 0.630 Acres  
 \$1,595,000 | MLS #815364  
 11 Iron Bridge Place South Fork, CO  
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**Under Contract**



**Sun House Farm Approx 1,910 Acres with Home**  
 \$12,900,000 | MLS #807640  
 57075 County Rd C Center, CO  
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**SOLD**




**Mountain Outlook /Approx. 69.750 Acres**  
 \$245,000 | MLS #806781  
 000 County Road 13 Del Norte, CO  
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**The Stunning Grande Ponderosa!**  
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 695 Escondida South Fork, CO  
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**COMING SOON**



**Beautiful Home on the Rio Grande River**  
 Approx. 3500 sq ft.  
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 13725 Road 104 South Alamosa, CO  
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**Lot 10 and 11 Conejos River Trails Mountain Property**  
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 Antonito, CO  
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 South Fork, Colorado



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## 10 Apartments

Mountain View Apartments in South Fork has an apartment for rent, no pets 719-580-1510 (8-28)

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# San Luis Valley Area Real Estate




**Custom mtn cabin + adjacent full apartment**  
\$575,000 | MLS # Borders Natl Forest  
595 Aspen Dr. South Fork, CO

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**Approx. 0.280 Acres Near Rio Grande Club**  
\$53,500 | MLS #794077  
23 Fairway Drive South Fork, CO

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**28 Acres on the Rio Grande River in South Fork**  
\$1,550,000 | MLS #807305  
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**UNDER CONTRACT**



**Approximately 160 Acres Farmland**  
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**5 bedroom home - Borders Public Lands - RV STORAGE!!**  
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**1,270 Sq.Ft. Off-Grid Cabin on 5.24 Acres - Creek!**  
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7541 Indian Creek Rd. Fort Garland, CO

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**UNDER CONTRACT**



**3 bedroom cabin bordering National Forest**  
\$397,500 | MLS # 812823  
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**Secluded cabin on 20 acres - Gated Community**  
\$975,000 | MLS #803394  
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**UNDER CONTRACT**



**3 bedroom home on 5 acres near Alamosa**  
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**Moving sale Del Norte Airport, 1 3/4ths miles north of Del Norte on Aug. 9 and 10 at 9 a.m.** (8-7)

## 28 Household Goods

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## 36 Miscellaneous

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Crop	Date Planted	Daily Crop Water use for Dates Shown (in./day)				Accumulated Water Use (ET) From 8/1 (inches)				
		8/1	7/31	7/30	7/29	2day	3day	4day	5day	7day
		<b>Moravian 69</b>	<b>04/05</b>	<b>0.07</b>	<b>0.07</b>	<b>0.09</b>	<b>0.08</b>	<b>0.14</b>	<b>0.22</b>	<b>0.30</b>
Moravian 69	05/05	0.23	0.22	0.26	0.23	0.45	0.71	0.95	1.22	1.55
<b>Early Wheat</b>	<b>04/05</b>	<b>0.09</b>	<b>0.09</b>	<b>0.12</b>	<b>0.11</b>	<b>0.19</b>	<b>0.31</b>	<b>0.41</b>	<b>0.55</b>	<b>0.72</b>
Early Wheat	05/05	0.25	0.23	0.27	0.23	0.48	0.75	0.98	1.26	1.59
<b>White Wheat</b>	<b>04/05</b>	<b>0.16</b>	<b>0.15</b>	<b>0.18</b>	<b>0.16</b>	<b>0.31</b>	<b>0.49</b>	<b>0.66</b>	<b>0.85</b>	<b>1.10</b>
White Wheat	05/05	0.25	0.23	0.27	0.23	0.48	0.75	0.98	1.26	1.59
<b>WinterWheat</b>	<b>10/01</b>	<b>0.05</b>	<b>0.05</b>	<b>0.07</b>	<b>0.06</b>	<b>0.11</b>	<b>0.17</b>	<b>0.24</b>	<b>0.32</b>	<b>0.42</b>
<b>Potatoes</b>										
Norkotah	05/05	0.26	0.24	0.28	0.25	0.50	0.79	1.03	1.32	1.66
<b>Centennial</b>	<b>05/05</b>	<b>0.25</b>	<b>0.23</b>	<b>0.27</b>	<b>0.23</b>	<b>0.48</b>	<b>0.75</b>	<b>0.98</b>	<b>1.26</b>	<b>1.59</b>
Nugget	05/05	0.24	0.22	0.26	0.22	0.46	0.71	0.94	1.20	1.51
<b>Alfalfa</b>	<b>Est.</b>	<b>0.28</b>	<b>0.27</b>	<b>0.31</b>	<b>0.27</b>	<b>0.55</b>	<b>0.86</b>	<b>1.13</b>	<b>1.44</b>	<b>1.82</b>
<b>Lawngrass</b>	<b>Est.</b>	<b>0.24</b>	<b>0.22</b>	<b>0.26</b>	<b>0.22</b>	<b>0.46</b>	<b>0.71</b>	<b>0.94</b>	<b>1.20</b>	<b>1.51</b>

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# SURVEY

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Price Heiner last month in conducting an archeological search.

After the fieldwork was complete, Heiner spoke with the Valley Courier and offered his assessment of the findings.

"The group conducted preliminary reconnaissance in areas that never had any archeological surveys. This gave us a sense of what was out there. We did pedestrian transect surveys. This was a formal gridding of the landscape in a systematic way. This included marking and recording any archeological material and then recording it formally on state site forms. The idea was to get an idea of what was in that particular area. We picked a 200-acre area that had never been surveyed before and surveyed it. We actually surveyed 125 of the 200 acres.

"We found two archeological sites. One contained culturally scattered material that included ancestral Pueblo and late Archaic. We also found some ancestral black pottery, which is classic Ancestral Pueblo. This pottery dates from 1,200 BP. We also found a projectile point from the Late Archaic that dates from about 2,000 to 3,000 years ago.

"The other site was a late 1800s refuse dump with a small prehistoric component. It was probably a small prehistoric campsite that later became a dump for bottles and cans. The point we found is called a San Pedro. That is the style that dates from about 2,000 to 3,000 years ago. We also found a gray-on-black piece of pottery on the same site from about 800 years ago. This was a site where people came back and visited again," he said.

Heiner spoke of the archeological richness of the Valley, "On the Rio Grande National Forest, we have over 10,000 documented archeological sites and they span from 14,000 years old to historic period sites about 50 years ago. We do have a relatively high percentage of early Paleo-Indian sites. That is one of the reasons that brought me here, I'm very interested in those first cultures that came to these landscapes and how they settled. We have a high density of these sites that date to 14,000 years ago."

The group was comprised of about a dozen VOC volunteers. Heiner said this about these and other volunteers value to the national forest, "They are great programs; we usually have partnership coordinators. I enjoy working with the groups because I like to expose different interested publics, people who are interested in archeology. I like people who are interested in archeology and have never experienced doing it or don't have any formal training or education. I like to

expose those people to it. People get hooked and run with it. Sometimes, I correspond with them for years. I do a lot of volunteer projects on the forest."

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