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La Veta election results

Brgoch re-elected mayor in tight race; 'La Veta Leaders' slate sees multiple wins; marijuana ballot question dies

by Mark Craddock

LA VETA — A long, grinding day of democracy in action reached its conclusion about 12:30 a.m. Wednesday, when election judge Eleanor Foley emerged from the La Veta Community Center to announce to a small cadre of stalwart — and cold — citizens the unofficial results of the day's municipal election.

Mayor Doug Brgoch won his re-election bid against challenger David DeTray. Incumbent trustees Mickey Schmidt and Tim Tady were defeated, bested by a slate of challengers supported by a shadowy group calling itself the "La Veta Leaders for Logic." Challenger Lluvia Musgrave, not affiliated with the slate, won as well.

And a ballot question on whether retail marijuana sales would be allowed within the town was defeated.

The tally among town trustee winners broke down as follows:

Musgrave, Tony Masinton and Ashley Vandagriff won four-year terms on the town board, and Jim Hoobler won a two-year board term. Brgoch was re-elected to another four-year term as mayor.

Turnout was high for this municipal election, with 352 of La Veta's 756 registered voters (46.5%) casting ballots, according to Town Clerk Laurie Erwin.

SOME CANDIDATES' REACTIONS

"I appreciate the vote of confidence from the citizens of La Veta to continue the work we've embarked on," Brgoch said. "I look forward to working with the new board members in getting our current and future projects done."

"Thanks to everyone for their support," Masinton said Wednesday. "I'm looking forward to working with the other members of the town board and to building a foundation that will serve La Veta well for many years to come."

"What an amazing voter turnout," Vandagriff said. "Way to go, La Veta. I'm excited to serve La Veta in this capacity. I promise to carry out my roles as a trustee with integrity. I look forward to working collaboratively to provide creative solutions for our community. Thank you, La Veta."

Contacted Wednesday morning, Hoobler said he did not want to comment.

"Because of your recent publication on Facebook, which was false, I'd just as soon not comment right now," Hoobler said. "Better not to say. We're going to try to do positive stuff now."

AT THE VANGUARD

While all eyes were on the large slate of town board candidates Tuesday, the nuts and bolts of civic prerogative fell squarely on the shoulders of Erwin and three experienced election judges: Barbara Kowalik, Sandra Helwig and Eleanor Foley. The crew ar-



For La Veta election judges (left to right) Barbara Kowalik, Sandra Helwig and Eleanor Foley, election day began at 6:30 a.m. and did not end until after midnight. Photo by Mark Craddock

UNOFFICIAL RESULTS: La Veta municipal election

Mayor:
Doug Brgoch176
David DeTray167

Trustee:
Tony Masinton238
Ashley Vandagriff204
Lluvia Musgrave211
Jim Hoobler184
Tim Tady180
Mickey Schmidt152
LaRissa Morris132

Ballot Question:
Shall medical and recreational marijuana establishments and businesses be permitted to operate in the town limits of the Town of La Veta, Colorado, subject to the requirements of state law and regulations to be adopted by the Town of La Veta?
No: 187 Yes: 128

rived at the community center at 6:30 a.m. Tuesday and shepherded the large stream of voters through the process. Promptly at 7 p.m., they locked the doors and began the process of hand-counting each ballot cast.

As evening fell into night, the three judges huddled around a table in the community center — one judge reading and tallying each ballot, the other two keeping their own tallies Erwin said. Whenever a vote count reached five, the judges would say "tally," an indication that they were still on the same count. The trio worked slowly and methodically throughout the

evening, 25 ballots at a time, until all 352 were counted.

Then, as has been her custom over many elections, Foley emerged at the end of an excruciatingly long day and night, announced the results and posted them on the wall of the community center.

OFFICIAL RESULTS ON APRIL 14

Erwin said the results are unofficial at this point, pending receipt of Uniformed and Overseas Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) ballots from citizens registered to vote in La Veta who are in the military or are overseas. She said she will certify the vote April 14. According to state statute, she said, there can be no recounts of the results until after the vote is certified.

In the campaign's waning weeks, a group called "La Veta Leaders for Logic" emerged, touting a slate of five town board hopefuls: DeTray, Masinton, Vandagriff, Hoobler and LaRissa Morris. The group launched a website, circulated yard signs and postcards and purchased newspaper advertising.

But, according to Erwin, no group by that name has filed paperwork with her office, a prerequisite to engaging in such campaign activities. According to state statute, this might be a violation of campaign-finance laws.

A spokesperson for the Colorado Secretary of State's office said all such matters are now handled by municipal clerks in the election's jurisdiction — in this case, Erwin.

"I am investigating it right now," Erwin said Wednesday. "I will be filing it with the state and my attorney. They have not filed and, per state statute, any committee formed in an election must register with me prior to spending any funds."

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Hey, you; are you opinionated?

We'd like to hear from you

OUR WORLD- The *World Journal* has recently lost two of our long-standing columnists, and we're feeling the loss.

We have also been debating internally about starting up an Op-Ed page, so it's starting to look like now would be a good time to launch one.

And so, dear readers, we are asking if any of you would like to try your hand at writing opinion columns.

And now, here come the caveats: This paper covers Huerfano, Las Animas and Colfax counties, and so the topics covered need to be focused on those three counties.

So, we don't want to hear about national elections, or broad trends of the economy, gas prices, the Supreme Court, or who the Kardashians slapped.

State politics, we're willing to listen. Regional politics (senators, congress-people and the like); sure. Local elections, yes. Local economy; yes. Schools, and everything schoolish- yes.

We do not require a political litmus test; you can be liberal or conservative, socialist or normal (*calm down; calm down- it was a joke.*) We do require that you not be needlessly offensive, crass, coarse or libelous.

And, we do require you to be able to hit a deadline. Columns would be due by Monday noon, and average around 500 words. For starters, we would be looking to run your column twice a month.

We recommend you write about what you know; you might have water law down pat, so maybe you shouldn't be writing about city street paving projects.

Once we've established your "Voice", we don't want to edit it. If there is a problem with a particular column, we'll call you and talk about it, and if

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Democratic CD3 primary ballot results

Sol Sandoval joins Adam Frisch and Alex Walker on the 3rd Congressional District primary ballot

SOUTHERN COLORADO — Sol Sandoval of Pueblo was the only Democratic candidate in CD3 to get 30% of the vote to get on the Primary ballot in June.

Sandoval secured 46.46% of the delegate vote at the 3rd District Democratic assembly, which was held virtually on Tuesday. She was the only one of the six candidates attempting to get on the ballot through the assembly to secure 30% of the delegate vote, the threshold required to advance.

Sandoval, in a speech before the vote was taken, boasted that she has raised nearly \$1 million in her bid to unseat the current seatholder, Republican Lauren Boebert.

"I am the proud Latina daughter of a union family, working class immigrants and naturalized citizens who came to this country seeking a better life for themselves," Sandoval said. "I'm the first in my family to graduate

from college and I will always fight for working families and better opportunity for all."

Adam Frisch of Aspen, and Alex Walker of Avon, are other candidates that went the petition route only, bypassing the Assembly route that have qualified for the June primary.

Democrat Scott Yates, a former journalist and activist trying to do away with daylight saving time, turned in signatures to make the ballot, but the Colorado Secretary of State's Office hasn't finished reviewing them yet.

Tuesday night's results of the 325 Democratic delegates are as follows:

- Sol Sandoval 46.4%
- Donald Valdez 28.6%
- Debbi Burnett 21.8%
- Colin Wilhelm 2.2%
- Kelli Rhodes 1.1%
- Root Routledge 0%

Boebert won by 6 percentage points in 2020. The 3rd District's boundaries



Sol Sandoval. Courtesy photo

were redrawn last year as part of Colorado's once-in-a-decade redistricting process to be even more favorable to the GOP. Republicans now have a 9-percentage-point advantage in the district, according to an analysis.

Taco salads are great if you don't want anyone noticing that you're eating 20 tacos.

If Willow, the Biden's cat, could just *push student debt off the table* that would be great.

Upcoming events

THROUGHOUT OUR WORLD

Grief support group

OUR WORLD—Val Stepien, long time hospice worker will continue to share her wisdom regarding 'LOVING YOURSELF IN TIMES OF GRIEF' Join us on zoom **Wednesday, April 13 at 2p.m.** Although we recognize that Zoom is not optimal for personal interaction, we are grateful for this venue. Feel free to email me, Val Stepien, at vonstep@ecentral.com if you have any questions or would like more information about the group.

HUERFANO

Book Nook hours changing

LA VETA— The Book Nook is changing from winter to summer hours starting **April 1st.** Our summer hours at Book Nook in La Veta will be Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. We are also in need of volunteers to staff our summer Hours. Please contact Ginny Carlson at ginnyleigh@yahoo.com if you are interested.

Spanish Peaks Chamber of Commerce meeting

HUERFANO—The Spanish Peaks Chamber of Commerce will meet on **Thursday, April 7 at 6p.m.** in the La Veta Fire Protection District Main Conference Room 100 Birch Street La Veta. There is also an online option to attend via Zoom. More details at <https://spanishpeakschamber.com/events/>

Spanish Peaks Library Storytime

WALSENBURG— The Friends of the Spanish Peak Library will be having a book sale this Thursday and Friday, April 7 & 8 in the community room. We will still have our regular storytime, it will just be in the archive room and we will be reading some yoga books and doing some spring time yoga. Please come join us for some yoga fun. Storytime is every **Friday from 10:30 am to 11:30 a.m.** at 415 Walsen Ave. in Walsenburg. If you have any questions you may contact Ms. Sherry at 738-2774 or sherry@spld.org. We have revised our hours at the library. We are now open M - W from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, Th - F from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. We hope to see you soon.

Fox Theatre weekend movie

WALSENBURG— Join us at the historic Fox Theatre in Walsenburg for our weekend movie "Sonic The Hedgehog 2" After settling in Green Hills, Sonic is eager to prove that he has what it takes to be a true hero. His test comes when Dr. Robotnik returns with a new partner, Knuckles, in search of a mystical emerald that has the power to destroy civilizations. Sonic teams up with his own sidekick, Tails, and together they embark on a globe-trotting journey to find the emerald before it falls into the wrong hands. Movie Showtimes are Friday 7:30 p.m., Saturday 7:30 p.m., and Sunday 3 p.m.

Huerfano County Historical Society meeting

HUERFANO—The next meeting of the Huerfano County Historical Society will be held on **Wednesday, April 6th at 4 p.m.** at the Huerfano Heritage Center, 114 W. 6th St. The meeting will be in person and open to the public. We are currently seeking persons who would like to join our board. If you are interested please come to our meeting or contact us at 719-738-2346 or e-mail to huerfanoheritagecenter@outlook.com.

Our Lady of Guadalupe lecture

LA VETA—The La veta Library welcomes educator, lecturer, artist and longtime friend, Becky Myers, on **Thursday, April 7 at 2 p.m.** in the meeting room. For this presentation, Becky will share her extensive knowledge, stories and myths about Our Lady of Guadalupe. She will also provide color images and share her retablo collection. Refreshments will be provided!

Friends of the Library book sale

WALSENBURG—Join us at Spanish Peaks Library, 401 Walsen, Walsenburg for our Friends of the Library book and bake sale. **Thursday and Friday, April 7&8 from 10a.m. - 3 p.m.** Thursday is set up, from 8:30 a.m. to 10a.m.. Anyone who can help, we would really appreciate it. See you all there.

Outside the Box

LA VETA—The amazing Outside the Box art show continues at SPACe until **April 9.** The show is a collection of original art by 17 area artists that embraces the unexpected in a variety of media and styles, "thinking outside the box". Located at the west end of the La Veta Town Park, 132 W. Ryus, the SPACe Gallery is open Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, 11 am - 2 pm. To see examples of the artists' works, visit the SPACe website, www.spanishpeaksarts.org. Call 719 742-3074 for more information.

Village Super Powers: Strategies for Expressing Strongly-Held Opinions

LA VETA— On **Saturday, April 9, from 2 to 4 p.m.** join us for a village gathering to apply healthy communication skills and explore strategies for expressing strongly-held opinions in ways that result in positive change - even if that change represents compromise.

This is the second part of this two part series, hosted by La Veta Public Library at La Veta Mercantile, 300 S. Main Street. Refreshments will be provided. Thank you to the American Library Association for their support through the Library Transforming Communities grants.

Paul Robison Band

WALSENBURG—The 2nd Street Bar and Grill would like to invite you to an evening of music with the Paul Robison Band on **Saturday, April 9 at 6p.m.** Gritty electric blues and deep grooves will have you dancing this Saturday evening. Located at the Walsenburg Golf course you can get there by taking 2nd Street from Walsenburg or enter at Lathrop State Park, no pass required. Drinks and food will be available for purchase.

Easter Cantata

LA VETA—You are invited to the Sangre de Cristo Vocal Arts Ensemble's presentation of their 2022 Easter Cantata, A JOURNEY TO HOPE, **Sunday, April 10, at 2p.m.** at the La Veta United Methodist Church, 416 S. Main Street, La Veta, CO. Experience Holy Week through scripture and song based on traditional and familiar spirituals. Admission is free. This will be our only presentation this Easter season, so come early to be sure to get a good seat!

Spaghetti dinner

HUERFANO — You are invited to a 4H spaghetti dinner fundraiser. Join us on **Sunday, April 10 from 11a.m.-2p.m.** in the 4H barn at the Huerfano County Fair Grounds in La Veta. Along with the delicious spaghetti there will also be a silent auction to raise funds for the 4H camps. Adult dinners are \$10 and kids over 5 years

old are \$7, under 5 is free.

Community conversation about tourism

LA VETA—The Tourism Board invites you to an informative community conversation about tourism in our county on **Monday, April 11 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** We will be hosting a series of community meetings to provide an overview of the work the tourism board is engaged in to bring visitors and tourism dollars to the county. We will discuss the ways we work to promote all the activities, attractions, and events that Spanish Peaks Country offers visitors. A light dinner will be provided. Huerfano County Tourism Board conversation will be held at the community center in La Veta. A zoom link will be available for this meeting!

Program on Pilgrimage to Chimayo

HUERFANO—Join us on a virtual tour to the famous sacred site, the Santuario de Chimayo in northern New Mexico. The programs will be held at the Walsenburg library on **Tuesday, April 12 at 2 p.m. or the La Veta Library on Thursday, April 14 at 2 p.m.** Hosted by Albert Galvan and Sandy Dolak with generous funding from Colorado Humanities and Colorado Creative Industries.

Blood Drive and Post 16 monthly meeting

HUERFANO—American Legion Post 16 is again sponsoring a blood drive on **Tuesday, April 12th.** You may preregister online at Vitalant.org or 1-877-258-4825. There is a medical questionnaire to be completed before donating. We look forward to seeing you there!

The American Legion Post 16 will also be holding our monthly meeting on **Wednesday, April 13 at 6 p.m.** at the Huerfano Community Center, 928 Russell St. Walsenburg. The Huerfano County Extension Agent will be our speaker.

Life & Death Round Table Discussions

WALSENBURG—Boies Ortega Funeral Home is sponsoring a free monthly educational series for 2022 on various topics including grief, end of life decisions, pre planned funerals and later in the year topics such as Medicare vs. Medicaid and Life or Death Insurance.

The next workshop is **April 13, 11:00 a.m.** on "Pre-Need Funerals." No one really wants to talk about their own funeral. However, pre-planning your own funeral saves money, family grief and lets you control your legacy and how you want people to remember you when you're gone.

All workshops are held in the community room at Spanish Peaks Library on Walsen Avenue.

Light refreshments will be served.

Call Elisa at 719-738-2152 if you have questions.

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 16 meeting and membership drive

HUERFANO—The American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 16 will meet on **Wednesday, April 13th at 11:30 a.m.** If your grandfather, father, husband, brother or sister is/was a Veteran at any time past Pearl Harbor (December 7th, 1941) you are eligible to join the Legion Auxiliary. This applies to Men also! We are doing activities at the Veterans Community Living Center and other details to support the Veterans of Huerfano County. Come to a meeting and see if you like the activities and learn what the Auxiliary is all about. If interested, please call Cheryl Rogers, President for the location and directions (719) 738-9965.

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La Veta Schools Student Art Show

LA VETA—The annual Student Art Show, produced by La Veta Schools art teacher, Amber Huff will be on display at the SPACe Gallery, 132 W. Ryus, beginning with a reception on **Wednesday, April 13, 4:30 to 6 p.m.**, with refreshments provided by the Boosters. The show will be on display until April 23. The Gallery is open Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 11 - 2. There is no admission fee, but donations are always gratefully accepted.

Patterns and Spaces and Mined Resonance exhibits

WALSENBURG—Please join us to view two new exhibits opening at the Museum of Friends, 600 Main Street on **Friday April 1** We will showcase the work of noted New York Artist Liz Whitney Quisgard Patterns and Spaces on the first floor. On the second floor is the work of local artist Max Kauffman Mined Resonance. Max will present a new public program on **Friday, April 15 at 2 p.m.**, Artist Talk on Art. On Saturday, **May 7 at 2 p.m.** Maria Cocchiarelli will present a gallery tour and discussion of Liz Whitney Quisgard's exhibit.

The museum is open from Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Please call for more information or visit www.museumoffriends.org or to schedule a group or school program tour.

Easter egg hunt

LA VETA—Snow Range 4H is hosting an Easter egg hunt and bake sale on **Saturday, April 16 at 10 a.m.** at the La Veta Town Park. The hunt begins promptly at 10a.m. so come early. There will be different age groups to make sure everyone can participate and come out a winner.

Decorate your own Ukrainian style egg

Just in time for Easter! On **Saturday, April 16 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.** the gifted local artist Judy Passow, will provide a hands-on learning experience for you to create your own keepsake treasure honoring the art of Ukrainian Egg Design that has been passed down for more than 1,000 years. The class will be held in the Capps Building at Francisco Fort Museum in La Veta. All supplies will be included in the \$25 fee. Space is limited and advance registration is necessary. Call or text Sandy Dolak 719-251-1271. Art in Society funding is making this program possible!

Easter egg hunt

WALSENBURG— An exciting Easter Egg Hunt for friends and family will be held at Fiesta Park at 928 Russell St, Walsenburg on **Saturday, April 16 at 12 p.m.** Children under the age of five will begin their egg hunt at noon and six through 11 year olds at 12:30.

Get ready for spring!

HUERFANO—Artists! The Spring Show at SPACe is coming up soon. Artwork will be accepted between **April 21-23, from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.** A nominal fee of \$5 per entry, with a limit of 4 entries per artist, will be collected to help with gallery overhead. Artwork over 30" wide is considered as two entries. In addition, a commission of 30% of the selling price will be collected on sold artwork (35% for nonmembers of SPACe) SPACe membership is only \$30 annually for individuals. For detailed information on how to enter, visit the SPACe website: www.spanishpeaksarts.org. Or call 719 742-3074. Text & voice messages accepted at 719 890-0573.

Let's paint the town! Painting bluebird birdhouses with Amber Huff

LA VETA— Join us to celebrate the official designation of the La Veta Creative District and kick off our first Paint the Town event on **Saturday, April 23 from 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.** at the La Veta School of the Arts (LVSA)! For the first "sip and paint" event, Amber Huff will lead participants to paint bluebird birdhouses. Tickets are \$40 and include all art supplies, wine, and light refreshments! No painting experience required. Proceeds will benefit the La Veta Playground Initiative. For more information and to buy tickets, visit: <https://www.lavetacreativedistrict.org/events>

Bill Hearne with Don Richmond

LA VETA—Join us at La Veta Mercantile for an evening of music with Bill Hearne and Don Richmond on **Saturday, April 23 at 7 p.m.** Bill along with his late-wife Bonnie are legends of the early Austin music scene collaborating, recording, and performing with many well-known artists. Bill has won numerous music-industry awards including a Lifetime Achievement Award from New Mexico Music Commission and is an inductee to the Kerrville Folk Festival Hall of Fame. Bill will be performing with Don Richmond, instrumentalist/vocalist for the Riffers. Tickets are for purchase at www.simpletix.com/e/bill-hearne-with-don-richmond-tickets-102305

3on3 Basketball tournament

WALSENBURG— Join us for a 3on3 basketball tournament benefiting JMHS mens basketball. The fun begins on **Saturday, April 30**, with registration at **9 a.m.** and continues on through out the weekend at John Mall High School. The divisions are
- Junior High (Coed)
- HS & Adult Women
- HS & Adult Men

The cost is \$20 per person with no roster limit and t-shirts will be awarded to the Champs! For more information please contact Lester Berry at 719-242-8376.

LAS ANIMAS

Writer's workshop

TRINIDAD—Join us on Saturday afternoons starting this Saturday, April 2 from 1p.m.-2:30p.m. for a facilitated workshop of stimulating writing prompts and exercises, with optional opportunities to read your work aloud. The sole requirements are: a notebook, a writing implement, and your imagination. This is a free event for adults (age 18+) and will run for 12 weeks beginning April 2 and ending July 9. There will be no workshops on April 16, May 28, and July 2 due to holiday closures. To sign up email tom.potter@trinidad.co.gov, call 719-846-6841, or let us know when visiting the library.

Free acupuncture by Health Solutions

TRINIDAD— Join facilitator Amy Montoya, LPC and Health Solutions for free acupuncture every Tuesday starting **Tuesday, April 5 at 1 p.m.** We use the Nada Protocol which is a non-verbal approach to healing. It is standardized ear acupuncture and acupressure treatment with a lot of great benefits. For more information and to register please call 719-680-1392. Located at Mount San Rafael Hospital in the conference room.

Brush and sip

TRINIDAD— Putting a little twist on our next Brush & Sip event on **Friday, April 8 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.** Join us at Mt Carmel Wellness and Community Center where you'll paint and take home your own beautiful floral wooden cross! You will get to choose your own colors. Limited spots available, please RSVP 719-859-3123. \$45 per person

Small Acreage Landowner Workshop

TRINIDAD—Join us on Friday, April 9th at 9 a.m. for the upcoming Small Acreage Landowner Workshop. This is a free workshop and all are welcome to attend. This will be held the Pioneer Room in the Sullivan Student Center at Trinidad State College! This a full day event with lunch provided by Almack's, and treats from Colie's Bakery and a field trip to Earth Mountain Educational Farm.

YOU MUST REGISTER TO ATTEND. CSU Extension is the primary host for this event and is spearheading/hosting registration. Please register at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/.../las-animas-county-2022...>

If you have any questions or need help registering, please contact Kim Peters at CSU Extension 806-392-3262 or Julie Knudson at Purgatoire Watershed Partnership 970-420-1915.

Spring craft fair & egg hunt

TRINIDAD—Come out to Faith Christian Fellowship Church at 2608 Santa Fe Trail and join us in a Easter egg hunt on **Saturday, April 9th 10 a.m.-2 p.m.** Kids hunt at 11 a.m. with a chance at a \$25.00 prize and the adult hunt is at 12p.m. with prizes from vendor tables. Shop for Easter gifts or just to spoil yourself as the warm weather approaches. Vendors are still needed, please call Crystal Zamora at 719-845-7077.

Second Saturday Poetry & Prose Open Mic - With Rachel Kellum

TRINIDAD— Join the Corazón de Trinidad Creative District at 210 W. Main St on **Saturday, April 9 at 7 p.m.** for the Second Saturday Open Mic for poets and all literary souls. Featuring writer Rachel Kellum, a poet, artist, and former gallery director. Kellum's passion is to share the joy of poetry, art, and art-making with people of all ages. Her Pushcart-nominated poetry has been featured in several online journals and print collections and has received awards from NFSPS. She leads writing workshops, performs her poetry around Colorado and blogs at wordweeds.com. Her first book, *ah*, published by Liquid Light Press, was released in 2012. Following Kellum's reading, the microphone then opens to all who would like to share their creative literary efforts. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit: <https://fb.me/e/1xXa4r37Y>

Hike to the Dinosaur tracks

TRINIDAD — Join the Fishers Peak Outfitters on Sunday, **April 10th at 7:30a.m.** and again on Saturday, May 14 at 7:30a.m. for this free guided hike to the dinosaur tracks. This will be an 11 mile hike, 5.5 miles to the tracks then back out of the canyon. We ask that you please leave your pets at home as it is rattle snake season. We will meet at Fishers Peak Outfitters in Trinidad then carpool to the trail head approx 1.5 hours away. Please bring plenty of water and appropriate attire. Expect to see amazing scenery, wildlife, First nations people's petroglyphs, hispanic settler's church site and of course the largest deposit of dinosaur tracks in North America. Please sign up at Fishers Peaks Outfitters or email fisherspeakoutfitters@gmail.com

Philosophy Café

TRINIDAD—April's topic for Philosophy Café is Surrealism. We'll meet remotely by Zoom Meeting on **Monday, April 11th from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.** You must register to join at <https://bit.ly/3wY2CFB> for more information please contact Tom Potter of Trinidad Carnegie Public Library at 719-846-6841 or tom.potter@trinidad.co.gov

The Fishers Peak State Park Master Plan public meeting

TRINIDAD—Celebrate the final phase of the master plan, see design concepts for the park, and share your thoughts on **Monday, April 11 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.** The meeting will include a presentation of design concepts for park facilities and infrastructure maps and data depicting proposed recreation and conservation areas. Question and answer period in an open house format for the public to provide feedback and explore the materials. Information on next steps and finalization of master plan. The project team presentation begins at 5:30, and an open house will follow from 6 to 7. This meeting will be held at the Pioneer Room in the Sullivan Student Center | Park Street.

Trail building workshop

TRINIDAD—Join Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado for a two-day trail building/maintenance workshop on **Wednesday, April 13 at 9 a.m. and Thursday, April 14 at 8 a.m.** at Carpios Cove located in the Trinidad State Park. Lunch will be provided and State Park fees will be waived for participants. To register please contact Jenn Green via email at trinidadtrailsalliance@gmail.com or by phone at 719-859-0379.

Easter egg hunt and bake sale

AGUILAR—The American Legion Post 42 in Aguilar will host the annual Easter egg hunt at the Aguilar Town Park at on **Saturday, April 16 starting at 10 a.m.** and the hunt begins at noon. Join the Easter bunny for fun finding eggs with candy, prize baskets, \$\$ eggs and a pinata challenge. The Ladies Auxiliary will also hold a bake sale in the Community Center and then serve free hotdogs and drinks to kids assisted by the Friends of Aguilar group. All funds raised or donated are used to assist or honor Veterans & their families.

420 vendor fair at The Brickyard

TRINIDAD— Celebrate with us at Freedom Road at our Brickyard location- 2600 Freedom Road, on **Saturday, April 16 from 2 p.m.-6 p.m.** There will be live music for Local Extract and free pizza from Sexy Pizza. Enjoy games, prizes, discounts & raffles plus make sure to enter our chalk art contest. We look forward to seeing you all at this free event.

9Health Fair

TRINIDAD — Mark your Calendars for the 9Health Fair on **Saturday, April 23 from 7:30 a.m.-12 p.m.** at Mt San Rafael Hospital. Several low cost screenings will be available as well as free blood pressure, body & balance, height/weight, skin screenings and stress management. Register in the Lobby the morning of or

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Obituary



David H. Gnaizda
3/9/1944 ~ 3/31/2022

David Gnaizda was born in New York March 9, 1944. He grew up in Long Island, New York.

He graduated from Long Island University with a Bachelor's in Psychology minor in English Literature and History.

He taught elementary school in the South Bronx for one year and then traveled extensively in Mexico, Europe, and Asia.

From his travels, he felt religion and philosophy were a process that benefited the whole of society, the foundation of critical thinking and therefore what benefits all of society.

David lived his life with the love of all humanity. He connected with the counterculture that were expressed in lyrics of his favorite song writer, Bob Dylan.

David settled in southern Colorado after meeting his wife Marilyn (Schneider) Gnaizda in 1968 where he operated a ranch on Greenhorn Mountain. He raised cattle, hogs, rabbits, turkey, and horses.

David also operated a small jewelry manufacturing business specializing in silver and turquoise belt buckles and bracelets.

He also took on odd jobs in the construction industry, ranging from site preparation to finished carpentry. He constructed the house they lived in and raised their daughters, Michelle, and Melanie.

In 1979 the family moved to Miami, Florida where he worked as a licensed investment broker, wrote for "The Artificial Intelligence Reporter", and Production Supervisor and 50% partner Phone Concepts II, Inc.

While residing in Florida, one of David's favorite hobbies was as a deep-sea fishing captain and wrote for the Florida Fish and Game Finder magazine which covered four counties in South Florida.

After 16 years in Florida, David and his

wife moved back to Huerfano County where he always felt they belonged.

He built a new house and worked as a Water Quality Association Certified Water Specialist and Sales Representative covering all southern Colorado and northern New Mexico.

He retired after 12 years and spent his time with his wife. They continued to be an integral part of the community through their love of gardening and civic engagement. The garden was so productive the surplus food they canned and stored was enough for winter and there was still enough food to share with friends, family, and neighbors. David and Marilyn were named Gardeners of the Year by *Colorado Gardener Magazine*.

David's sense of community brought him to various leadership positions. He participated in the Huerfano Planning Commission, Chairman of Huerfano County Democratic Party, Spanish Peaks Hospital District board member, and Volunteers for Change.

David loved playing darts, cards, watching sports, mushroom hunting, fly fishing and socializing with his close friends. He loved spending time with his daughters and their families in Florida where he continued to deep sea fish for many years.

His grandchildren loved learning from him and hearing his stories of his travels. David will be remembered as a Renaissance Man that loved his family, friends, and community.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Lillian and Morris Gnaizda; his sister, Lynne Gnaizda (Ranes); and his wife of 51 years, Marilyn Gnaizda.

He is survived by his sister Marsha Gnaizda (Marty Mullin); his brother-in-law Kenny Schneider (Nina); his daughters, Michelle Rotton (Allen), Melanie Gnaizda-Gilson (Zack); his grandchildren, Ashley (Rotton), Harrison (Rotton), Harley Jude (Gilson), and Arianna (Gilson); and many nieces and nephews.

His daughters and their families will continue to farm the land and feed his birds.

In lieu of flowers please donate to the Nature Conservancy or the Audubon Society.

A private celebration of life will be held towards the end of the summer.

Obituary



Wayne Vincent Arnold
8/26/1937 ~ 4/2/2022

Wayne Vincent Arnold, 84 passed away on April 2, 2022, at his home with his loving wife at his side. He was born on August 26, 1937, in Fort Lupton, CO to Clarence and Wynona Arnold.

Wayne grew up in Hudson, CO, graduating from Hudson High School (Cowboys) in 1957.

After he graduated high school, he served two hitches in the Army.

He was an old-time cowboy that loved horseback riding and roping with his family and friends.

Building log homes, log furniture was his dream and what he was well known for. If he wasn't building log homes, he was running any equipment he could get hands on.

He was also a member of the Masons Lodge in LaVeta, CO. Wayne was a jack of all trades, and never turned a new project down.

Wayne married Norma (Godfrey) Arnold in 1962 in Brighton, CO. They were married 59 years and had four children: Rick, Robert, Terry, and Tracey.

Once all his children were raised, they all moved to Aguilar, CO in 1994. When arriving in Aguilar he started running an outfitting com-

pany for many out of state hunters. He put many miles on by hiking and horseback through the Spanish Peaks.

If he wasn't working, he was spending time with his loved ones, telling stories around the table with his family and friends, playing his guitar, and listening to country music. He always had a story to tell and always had everyone laughing.

Wayne is survived by his spouse Norma Arnold of La Veta, CO; his children Rick and Robert Arnold of Keenesburg, CO; his siblings Evonne Adams of Keenesburg, CO, Dale (Bonnie) Arnold of Strasburg, CO and Alice (Dave) Gutierrez of Kersey, CO; grandchildren, Kandi (Dale) Sacry of Hudson, CO, Ashley (David) Arnold-Moore of Decatur, IL, Ryan Arnold, Trever (Whitney) Hanssen of LaSalle, CO, Brittney (Zeb) Redden of Buckley, WA, WD (Marcella) Arnold; and great-grandchildren, Alexis and Makayla Hager, and Wayne Arnold, all of Hudson, CO.

Wayne is preceded in death by his parents Clarence and Wynona Arnold; sister Carol Snyder; daughters Tracey Arnold and Terry Hanssen; brother-in-law Rusty Adams; niece Carla Dever; and nephew Garrett Arnold.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to: St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or La Veta Masonic Lodge, PO Box 293, LaVeta, CO 81055.

A celebration of life will be held on April 7, 2022 (TODAY) at 2 p.m. at Sammie's Restaurant and RV Park, 124 N. Main St., La Veta, CO 81055, as well as on April 9, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. at the American Legion 595 Railroad Ave., Keenesburg, CO 80643.

In Memoriam

In loving memory of our dearest mother
Ermalinda Ortiz
who died 10 years ago April 3, 2012



My Angel In The Sky

*Each day I look to heaven,
each day I call your name.
Each day just feels so different.
It hasn't been the same.
Each day I always question,
I often wonder why?
You had to go away from me,
My Angel in the sky.
I keep you in my memories,
since we've been apart
and I'll always have a part of you
locked safely in my heart.*

*Sadly missed by, and in our hearts forever,
your children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren,
great-great-grandchildren,
brother and hister-in-law.*

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Obituary



Matthew Wayne Martinez
2/28/1960 ~ 3/16/2022

Matthew passed away unexpectedly in his home. He was preceded in death by his parents Robert and Josie Martinez and his beloved furbaby, Wedo.

Matthew is survived by his son Angelo and daughter Evelyn (Jose); grandchildren Daijah Zacheria and Eliseo, who he loved so much.

Siblings brother Ron (Sharla); sister Rita (Boice); sister Penny (Gil); and brother Sonny (Kris).

Matthew had 10 nieces and nephews and 11 great nieces and nephews. He had his favorite little one Aubryanna who he loved so much, and she loved her uncle Matthew.

All who knew Matt



knew he loved playing drums and air guitar. He had a mind of his own, and a sense of humor. His sisters Rita and Penny will miss his weekly visits, and his stories about family and friends. He loved showing up at his nephew Ron and Jackie's house and at his cousin Jerome's house to party and have fun. He was the life of the party, and tell them all some random funny stories about jammin', UFOs and whatever would make you laugh; he was so funny with his words, that no one will ever forget.

We will always love and miss you, brother.

Celebration of life at the Eagles, April 16, 2022 at 2 p.m. Please come join our family in remembrance of our brother Matt. (Private burial.)



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La Veta Village
ASSISTED LIVING COMMUNITY
Opening Late Spring 2022
Reserve your suite now – 719-742-3510
email: administrator@lavetavillage.org

Huerfano / Las Animas South Central Council of Governments Senior Lunch Menu

Mon. 4/11 Swiss steak with gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, pears and a whole wheat roll.
Tue. 4/12 Chili cheese fries, lettuce and tomato garnish, and an orange.
Wed. 4/13 Ham and navy bean soup, tossed vegetable salad, corn bread muffins, and a banana.
Thu. 4/14 Baked chicken, au gratin potatoes, herbed green beans, pineapple upside-down cake, and whole wheat rolls.
Fri. 4/15 (Lent) Beef chimichanga, refried beans, lettuce, and tomato garnish, avocado, sour cream, salsa, and apple-sauce.

All meals served with 1% milk and margarine.
Walsenburg: Grab & Go only, Trinidad: In-person and Grab & Go.
Meals are packed to go giving the option to "grab & stay" or "grab & go". Meals are served from 11:15 am to 12:15 pm. Dining area opens at 10:45 am serving coffee. Closes at 12:45 pm.
Walsenburg 738-1182 Trinidad 846-4515
Please make reservations or cancellations one day in advance.

*"I realized very early the power of food to evoke memory, to bring people together, to transport you to other places, and I wanted to be a part of that."
~ José Andrés Puerta*

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COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION CRS §38-58-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 2022-01

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:
On January 26, 2022, 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 Huerfano records.

Original Grantor(s) MARK A. ORTIZ & DEBBIE D. ARAGON
Original Beneficiary(ies) UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING THROUGH THE RURAL HOUSING SERVICE OR SUCCESSOR AGENCY UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING THROUGH THE RURAL HOUSING SERVICE OR SUCCESSOR AGENCY UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Date of Deed of Trust February 12, 2009
County of Recording Huerfano
Recording Date of Deed of Trust February 12, 2009
Recording Information (Receipt No. and/or Book Page No.) 02656
Original Principal Amount \$80,000.00
Outstanding Principal Balance \$60,716.59

Pursuant to CRS §38-58-103(6), 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 13 AND THE W 1/2 OF THE LOT 14, BLOCK 15, CAPITOL HILL, ADDITION TO THE CITY OF WALSENBERG ACCORDING TO THE RECORDS OF THE CLERK AND RECORDER FOR HUERFANO COUNTY, COLORADO
Also known by street and number as 212 WEST PINON, WALSENBERG, CO 81089.
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 Thursday, 05/26/2022, at East First floor of the Huerfano County Courthouse 401 Main Street Box #206, 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 attorney's 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.

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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: 01/26/2022
Debra J. Reynolds, Public Trustee in and for the County of Huerfano, State of Colorado

/s/ Debra J Reynolds
By: Debra J Reynolds, Public Trustee

The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney (s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
Douglas W. Brown #19429 Neal K. Dunning #11181
BROWN DUNNING WALKER, PC 2000 South Colorado Blvd., Tower Two, Suite 700, Denver, CO 80222 (303) 329-3543
Attorney File # 3629-037
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.



Notice to Creditors

Estate of Rufina Sandoval Deceased. **Case Number: 2022 PR1**
All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to District Court of Huerfano County, Colorado on or before July 30, 2022 or the claims may be forever barred.
Gabriella Sandoval, Personal Representative: 9483 Jason Way, Thornton, CO 80260

NOTICE OF ELECTION POLLING PLACE §1-13.5-502, C.R.S.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, and, particularly, to the electors of the La Veta Fire Protection District of Huerfano County, Colorado: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held on the 3th day of May, 2022, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. The Board of Directors of the District have designated the following polling places: 100 Birch St. La Veta, CO 81055
At said election, the electors of the District shall vote for Directors to serve the following terms of office on the Board of Directors of the District:

The names of persons nominated as Director for a THREE-Year Term

- Vonnie Kay Maier-Valdez
- John Scott Keeling
- Christopher Knowles
- Mark Brunner
- Tucker Garrett Shroat

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board of Education of the Huerfano RE-1 School District is accepting applications from persons interested in serving on the Board of Education from the date of appointment in **May of 2022**, until the next regular biennial school election in November 2023. To be eligible for appointment, each candidate must be a registered elector of the school district for at least twelve consecutive months prior to the date of appointment.

Any person who meets the qualifications and who desires to be considered for the appointment is invited to file a written notice of such intention with the secretary of the Board of Education by **April 14, 2022** at 201 East 5th Street, Walsenburg, CO 81089. The Board will interview prospective candidates on **April 25, 2022** at a public meeting. All candidates must complete digital fingerprinting by April 14, 2022. For further information, contact Tara Burke, designated election official. At 719-738-1520 x 102.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of **JAMES EDWARD VILLA A/K/A JAMES E. VILLA A/K/A JAMES VILLA**, Deceased Case No: **2022 PR 30009**
All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative or to District Court of Huerfano, County, Colorado on or before July 25, 2022 (date), or the claims may be forever barred.

Gerald Pavlick
4602 Silver Creek Trail,
Billings, MT, 59106

DISTRICT COURT, HUERFANO COUNTY, COLORADO
Court address: 200 West 5th Street, Suite 141,
Walsenburg, CO 81089
Phone number: 719-793-7100
Plaintiffs: MARION E. PHILLIPS,
v.
Defendants: E M TRESSLER AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS OR ENTITIES WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION.
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Case No. 2022 CV 30000

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:
You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the Complaint filed with the Court in this action by filing with the Clerk of this Court an Answer or other response. You are required to file your Answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this Summons upon you. Service of this Summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the Complaint may be obtained from the Clerk of the Court.

If you fail to file your Answer or other response to the Complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint without further notice.
This is an action to quiet title to real properties in the State of Colorado, legally described as follows:

Parcel #42905
UND ¼ INT IN & TO: TWP 27 RNG 68:
SEC 21: N½NE¼, SW¼NE¼
SEC 22: NW¼NW¼
UND ½ INT IN & TO: SEC 21: N½SW¼SE¼

DATED: _____
Buxman Kwikte & Shirley, P.C.
By: Linda McMillan, #20347
Attorney for Plaintiff

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TOWN OF LA VETA EXPENDITURES February 2022

General Fund:	Gasoline & Diesel	\$50.00
Acorn Petroleum	Cell Phones	291.63
AT&T Mobility	Other Expenses	180.00
Bugman, The	Telephones	224.52
Century Link	Office supplies	54.50
checkstorless.com	Insurance premiums	26,187.62
CIRSA	Equipment repairs	373.46
City Auto Parts	Other Expenses	300.00
Colorado Rural Water Association	Intranet/Internet/Computers	96.00
Google Suite	Telephone and internet services	966.09
Granite Telecommunications	Building Inspector Dues	145.00
International Code Council	Other Expenses	175.00
International Inst of Municipal Clerks	Intranet/Internet/Computers	650.00
Intuit Quickbooks Pro	Shop expenses	288.25
John Deere Financial	Gasoline/Repairs & Maintenance	767.06
La Veta Oil LLC	Utilities	2,398.77
La Veta Propane	Waste Removal	180.00
Mountain Disposal	Workshops/Travel Expenses	33.89
Noodles & Co	Office supplies	519.54
Office Max/Office Depot	Utilities	2,711.02
San Isabel Electric Association, Inc.	Other Entities-Chambers	150.00
Scenic Highway of Legends	Attorney Fees-New School/General	3,594.07
Spencer Fane LLP	Maintenance of Town Buildings	156.29
Uline	Other Expenses	18.79
USPS	Workshops/Travel Expenses	207.68
Warwick Hotel Denver	Publications	489.44
World Journal	Leases	235.57
Xerox Corporation	Gross Salaries	\$16,771.00
General Salaries		\$57,693.56
Total General Disbursements:		
Water Fund:	Utilities	\$46.09
AT&T Mobility	Insurance premiums	\$6,000.00
CIRSA	Meter equipment	\$71.00
Front Range Winwater Works	Utilities	69.47
Granite Telecommunications	Water liens recording	26.00
Huerfano County Clerk and Recorder	Water supplies	2,829.00
Interstate Chemical Company	Equipment expenses/maintenance	24.44
John Deere Financial	Utilities	2,170.05
La Veta Propane	Other expenses	84.00
NotifyMe!	Contract Water ORC	1,021.67
RH Water and Wastewater	Utilities	270.24
San Isabel Electric Association, Inc.	Water Testing	11.70
UNCC	Water supplies/meter equipment	425.73
USA Bluebook	Other expenses	319.26
USPS	Water Supplies	1,200.00
WestTech	Water Attorney	53.00
White & Jankowski	Gross Salaries	\$5,238.12
Water Salaries		\$19,859.77
Total Water Disbursements:		
Sewer Fund:	Insurance premiums	\$11,000.00
CIRSA	Repairs/Maintenance	\$179.99
John Deere Financial	Utilities	\$632.50
La Veta Propane	Contract Operator	\$1,075.00
Mark T Foxworthy	Engineering - New Plant	\$26,173.87
Meyer & Sams, Inc.	Capital Improvement - New Plant	\$40,162.96
RMS Utilities, Inc.	Utilities	\$797.22
San Isabel Electric Association, Inc.	Sewer supplies and testing	\$635.00
Sangre De Cristo Laboratory	Gross Salaries	\$5,078.00
Sewer Salaries		\$85,734.54
Total Sewer Disbursements		
Museum Checking & Imprest Accts.	Insurance premium	\$4,500.00
CIRSA	Telephone and internet services	60.28
Granite Telecommunications	Internet	97.50
Jade Communications	Building/Grounds Maintenance	46.85
John Deere Financial	Utilities	190.03
San Isabel Electric Association	Building/Grounds Maintenance	261.59
Walsenburg Lumber	Gift Shop Merchandise	162.94
Wild Republic	Museum Salaries	\$810.00
Museum Salaries		\$6,129.19
Total Museum Disbursements:		

I, Laurie L. Erwin, Town Clerk for the Town of La Veta, do hereby certify the foregoing is a true list of each claim and expenditure allowed the period February 1st through February 28, 2022.

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR QUALIFYING SENIOR CITIZENS AND DISABLED VETERANS

The Colorado Constitution establishes a property tax exemption for senior citizens and disabled veterans. For those who qualify, 50 percent of the first \$200,000 in actual value of the primary residence is exempted from property tax. The State of Colorado pays the property taxes on the exempted value. Qualifying seniors are urged to submit applications if they have not yet done so.

- SENIOR CITIZEN EXEMPTION:**
Basic Qualifications - Generally, each of the following statements must be true to qualify for the senior citizen exemption. The qualifying senior:
- Must be at least 65 years old on January 1 of the year the application is filed; and
 - Must be the current owner of record, and listed as the owner of record for at least 10 consecutive years prior to January 1; and
 - Must occupy the property as his/her primary residence, and must have done so for at least 10 consecutive years prior to January 1.
- Surviving spouses of previously qualified senior citizens may be able to continue receiving the exemption with a long form application.
Exceptions to Basic Qualifications - The applicant may still qualify if one or more of the following statements are true:
- Ownership is in the spouse's name, and the spouse also occupies the property;
 - Ownership has been transferred to or purchased by a trust, corporate partnership or other legal entity solely for estate planning purposes;
 - The qualifying senior or his/her spouse was or is confined to a health care facility;
 - The applicant was forced to move when the prior residence was condemned in an eminent domain proceeding;
 - The applicant is the surviving spouse of a senior who met the requirements on January 1, 2002, or on any January 1 thereafter.
 - The qualifying senior citizen's prior residence was destroyed or otherwise rendered uninhabitable by a natural disaster.

How to Apply - To apply, you must complete the appropriate application form and return it to the assessor by July 15. The assessor must accept late applications until August 15. The "Short Form" application may be used by qualifying senior citizens who meet each of the basic qualifications. The "Long Form" application must be used by applicants who satisfy one or more of the exceptions to the basic qualifications. If you would like to receive an application form or a brochure that explains the senior citizen exemption in greater detail, or if you have any questions regarding the exemption, please call the assessor's office at (719)738-3000 ext 504.

- DISABLED VETERAN EXEMPTION:**
Basic Qualifications - Generally, each of the following statements must be true to qualify:
- The applicant must be a veteran who sustained a service-connected disability while serving on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States. This includes members of the National Guard and Reserves who sustained injuries while serving on active duty;
 - The applicant must have been honorably discharged;
 - The federal Department of Veterans Affairs has rated the applicant's service-connected disability as a one hundred percent permanent disability through disability retirement benefits pursuant to a law or regulation administered by the department, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, or the Department of the Army, Navy, or Air Force.
 - The applicant must be the owner of record and must have been the owner of record since January 1 of the current year; and
 - The applicant must have occupied the property as his/her primary residence since January 1 of the current year.
- In many cases, an eligible surviving spouse of a previously qualified disabled veteran may continue to receive the exemption by submitting a disabled veteran surviving spouse form to the assessor's office.
Exceptions to Basic Qualifications - The applicant may still qualify if one or more of the following statements are true:
- Ownership is in the spouse's name, and the spouse also occupies the property;
 - Ownership has been transferred to or purchased by a trust, corporate partnership or other legal entity solely for estate planning purposes;
 - The qualifying disabled veteran or his/her spouse was or is confined to a health care facility.
 - The applicant was forced to move when the prior residence was condemned in an eminent domain proceeding.
 - The applicant is the surviving spouse of a previously qualified veteran who met the requirements through the Colorado Division of Veterans Affairs.

How to Apply - To apply, you must file a completed application with the Colorado Division of Veterans Affairs by July 1. The Division of Veterans Affairs may accept late applications until August 2 if the applicant can show good cause for missing the July 1 deadline. The surviving spouse of a prequalified veteran must apply directly to the assessor's office no later than July 1. If you would like to receive an application form or a brochure that explains the disabled veteran exemption in greater detail, or if you have any questions regarding the exemption, please call the assessor's office at (719)738-3000 ext 504.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Huerfano County Board of Authority will hold a Public Hearing during their meeting at the Huerfano County Courthouse, Commissioners' Chambers, 401 Main Street, Suite 309, Walsenburg, Colorado, on Thursday, April 21, 2022 at 1 pm. The purpose of the hearing is to receive public comment concerning a variance Application #22-09 for Steve Faught. The subject property is located at 1343 CR 360 (Section 33, Township 29, Range 68) Huerfano County, Colorado, and is zoned Agricultural.
The complete application is available for review online at:
https://www.huerfano.us/Downloads/landuse/applications/2022/22009%20FaughtVariance/22_009%20Special%20Use%20Permit.pdf
Inquiries can be made during normal business hours in the Huerfano County Land Use Office, 401 Main Street, Suite 304, by telephone at 719-738-1220 ext. 117.
Zoom Meeting Information:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82550511219> Meeting ID: 825 5051 1219

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The complete application is available for review online at:
<https://www.huerfano.us/uploads/landuse/applications/2022/22-007%20RMSS/22>
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New Mexico Legals

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
 COUNTY OF COLFAX
 EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
No. D-809-CV-2021-0016
 STATE OF NEW MEXICO, ex rel.,
 NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF
 TRANSPORTATION,
 Petitioner,
 vs.
 BR RANCH, LTD.
 COLFAX COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY
 COMMISSIONERS,
 PROPERTY TAX DIVISION OF THE TAXATION
 AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT,
 ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS OR CLAIMANTS OF
 THE PROPERTY INVOLVED,
 Defendants.

NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY ORDER OF ENTRY AND NOTICE OF CONDEMNATION

TO: The above-named Defendants, and each of you:
 You, and each of you, are hereby notified that the Court has granted the Petitioner a Preliminary Order of Entry to immediately enter and occupy the property described below and to do such work thereon as may be required, and that unless you file objections thereto within ten (10) days after personal service of this Notice upon you, or within three (3) days after the last date of publication of this Notice, if you were not personally served, the Court shall enter a Permanent Order of Entry, restraining you forever from hindering or interfering with the occupation and use of the property; and, further, that all proceedings subsequent to the Permanent Order of Entry shall deal only with the amount of compensation due to you for the taking of the property.
 You, and each of you, are hereby further notified that a Petition to condemn for public highway purposes has been filed against you with the Clerk of the District Court of Colfax County, New Mexico, in which county the property, or a part thereof, is located, and which property is described as:
 Parcel 15-1 is located on NM 434, beginning at approximate milepost 23.9 (along NM 434) and ending at approximate milepost 24.5. The parcel is a 160-foot-wide strip of land lying left and right of the existing highway, entirely within Section 33, Township 24 North, Range 16 East, N.M.P.M., Colfax County, State of New Mexico. Beginning on NMSR 434 at the Mora/Colfax County line; Travel northerly along NM 434 for approximately 0.45 miles to the beginning of the parcel at approximate milepost 23.9, then continue 0.55 mi. to the end of the parcel (milepost 24.5).
 Parcel 17-1 is located on NM 434, beginning at approximate milepost 24.6 (along NM 434) and ending at approximate milepost 25.5. The parcel is a 160-foot-wide strip of land, which is approximately 400 feet right (easterly) of the existing highway at the beginning of the parcel and right of said highway for the first 400 feet +/-, from which point the strip parcel is left and right of the existing highway (NM 434). The parcel is partly within Section 33 and mostly within Section 28, Township 24 North, Range 16 East, N.M.P.M., Colfax County, State of New Mexico. Beginning on NMSR 434 at the Mora/Colfax County line; Travel northerly along NM 434 for approximately 1.15 miles to the beginning of the parcel at milepost 24.6, then continue 0.9 mi. to the end of the parcel (milepost 25.5).

and the above property is more particularly described under its parcel number in the Petition on file in this cause, and that such highway project has been designated New Mexico Project 4100383, in Colfax County, New Mexico.
 You, and each of you are hereby further notified that the amount offered as just compensation, shown with each separate numerical parcel designation, has been deposited by the Petitioner with the Clerk of the District Court and a portion or all of the amount offered may be withdrawn by a person having an estate or interest in the property described in the Petition on file. This withdrawal may be made only by order of the Court upon proper motion.

You, and each of you are hereby commanded to file and serve an answer, as provided by law, to the Petition on file herein within thirty (30) days after service of this Notice on you or thirty (30) days after the last date of publication of this Notice, if you are not personally served. Unless you so appear and answer, the Petitioner will apply to the Court for judgment as provided by law. This judgment will fix the amount of compensation due to you for the condemnation of the property at the amount offered and deposited by Petitioner.
 The name and address of attorney for Petitioner is Thomas L. Wyman, Special Assistant Attorney General, Acting Deputy General Counsel, New Mexico Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 1149, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-1149.
 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the District Court of Colfax County, New Mexico, this _____ day of _____, 2022.

Clerk of the District Court
 (SEAL)
 By: _____
 Deputy

AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday April 7, 2022
 10:00 AM
 Angel Fire Airport
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1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of the Agenda
5. Approve Regular Meeting Minutes: February 17, 2021 Meeting
6. Recognize Visitors and Guests
7. Public Comment
8. New Business
- a. Furniture disposal and replacement
- b. AF Squared introduction and statement of purpose.
9. Old Business
- a. Update on new Logo
- b. NMDOT grant update
- c. Hangar bid/construction update
- d. Update on Colfax County change of supervision/county manager
10. Airport Manager's Update
- a. Sales and Traffic Update for March
- b. Fuel Status
- c. Hangar Update – plan for rebid/combine with fire station?
- d. On-going Building Improvements/Updates
- e. New Refueler update
- f. New Gas Dispenser Shelter Grant
- g. Runway Pavement Seal/Overlay Update
- h. Emergency Response Plan Update
11. Board Member Announcements/Updates – Mr. Carr, Mayor of Eagle Nest
12. Next Meeting – TBD
13. Adjourn



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REGULAR MEETING April 12, 2022 AGENDA

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Colfax County Board of Commissioners will meet in Regular Session on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 9:00 A.M., in the Commission Chambers, 3rd Floor at the Colfax County Building, Raton, NM for the following:

This agenda can be viewed at the Colfax County Website at www.co.colfax.nm.us

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Salute to the New Mexico Flag
4. Approve Agenda
5. Approve Regular Meeting Minutes for March 28, 2022
6. Recognize Visitors
7. Public Comment
8. Discuss/Action – Approve Expenditures
9. Presentation - Proposed Photovoltaic Construction, La Mesa Airfield Property-Scott Berry
10. Discuss/Action – Resolution 2022-16 Colfax County Declaring the Month of May Behavioral Health Month.
11. Discuss/Action – Award RFP #2022-01 Financial Audit Services
12. Discuss/Action – Tri-State Recycle, LLC, Emergency Request & Amendment to Colfax County Contract
13. Discuss/Action – Professional Service Agreement - Granicus, LLC
14. Discuss/Action – Professional Service Agreement – Securus Technologies
15. Discuss/Action – Amendment #2 Prevention Specialist Contract Colfax County DWI Program-Sharon Gonzales
16. Discuss/Action – State of New Mexico Rural Mobilization Plan Rate Sheets for Colfax County Fire Departments
17. Discuss/Action – Colfax County Claim of Exemptions/Subdivision Filing Procedures
18. Discuss/Action – Amending Ordinance #2017-01, Personnel Policy; Chain of Command Policy
19. Discuss- Quarterly Department Updates
20. Commissioners' Docket
21. Manager's Docket
22. Closed Session Pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1H(7), Pending Litigation, New Mexico Office of the State Auditor.
23. Discuss/Action – Open Session Pursuant to NMSA 1978 10-15-1H(7), Pending Litigation, New Mexico Office of the State Auditor
24. Closed Session Pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1H(2), Limited Personnel Matters, Review Applications-Colfax County Manager
25. Discuss/Action – Open Session Pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1H(2), Limited Personnel Matters, Re-Applications-Colfax County Manager
26. Adjourn

Done this 5th day of April 2022

Salute to the New Mexico Flag – "I salute the flag of the State of New Mexico and the Zia Symbol of perfect friendship among united cultures".

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online at 9healthfair.org. Masks are required to be worn the entire time. For more information please contact Lynda Pachelli at (719) 846-8051.

Fur Ball fundraiser

TRINIDAD—This elegant evening of dining, dancing, auctions and more is Noah's Ark biggest annual fundraiser. Held on Saturday, **April 23 from 5 p.m.-10:30 p.m.** at A.R. Mitchell Museum of Western Art in Trinidad. Dinner is provided by Ringo's Catering of Aguilar, Live music by Jorica, a cash bar and even a puppy parade. Tickets are available exclusively at Noah's Ark Thirft Store, 147 E. Main St in Trinidad. For more information please call us at 719-846-8578.

Spring art show entries needed

TRINIDAD—The Corazon Gallery will be accepting art for entry in The Spring Show 2022 on **Sunday and April 24 and Monday, April 25 from 11 p.m. to 4 p.m.** Prospectus is available at The Corazon Gallery, 149 E. Main Street, Trinidad, Colorado for more information please call 719-846-0207.

Vendors needed for Santa Fe Trail Days

LAS ANIMAS— Once again, the Santa Fe Trail Days Festival is returning to downtown Trinidad. There will be food, crafts, music, plus much more and fun for all ages. Vendors with food and non-food items are welcome to apply at the Trinidad and Las Animas County Chamber office at 127 N. Commercial Street, Suite 204 Trinidad CO 81082, or call Amy Navarette @ 719-846-9285, or email chamber@tlacchamber.org for an application or information. Spaces are limited. Application deadline is June 3, 2022. Sponsors are needed, if you are interested contact the Chamber office.

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Family Literacy Academy

COLFAX— The PED is offering a three-part series of workshops called the Family Literacy Academy to equip pre-K through fifth grade families and caretakers with knowledge and strategies to support their children's literacy development at home. The workshops will be offered in both English and Spanish once a month in February, March and April. These workshops will help families bring to life many of the strategies in PED's Early Literacy Guide. **Tuesday, March 29 and Tuesday, April 26 from 4 to 5:30 p.m.** To register for English workshops visit <https://bit.ly/NMFLA22> Register for Spanish workshops at <https://bit.ly/NMAcademia>.

Aquatic Easter egg hunt

RATON—Come dunk, dive, swim and splash for over 1000 eggs in the Raton Regional Aquatic Center. This fun Easter event will be on **Saturday, April 16 at 10 a.m.** The cost to participate is \$5 per child and parents are free.

Book signing

RATON— Join us in celebrating the publication of "Pride & Glory: The Cimarron & Northwestern Railway Company". This discussion will be help on **Thursday, April 21 at 6:30p.m.** at the Raton Museum, 108 S. 2nd Street, Raton. This is a new opportunity for those interested in local and regional history to chat with the authors and learn about a little known logging railroad that bore its roots and fueled industry in the northern New Mexico and southern Colorado in the early 20th century. We look forward to seeing you there!

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Walsenburg City Council decides on gas line replacement option

Public Hearing on nuisance assessment held

by E.E. Mullens
WALSENBURG — After conducting a number of discussions and at least one work session dedicated to the topic, the Walsenburg City Council Tuesday night unanimously selected Option One, the estimated \$21,719,490 full high pressure natural gas line replacement. The big question remains, where will the money come from?

Elected leaders are seeking grant funds to offset engineering costs, as well as actual construction costs from a variety of sources, including Colorado's department of local affairs (DOLA) and may also seek Congressionally Directed Spending funds available through the offices of Colorado U.S. Senators John Hickenlooper and Michael Bennet, although the deadline for the application is fast approaching. Grant requests for the directed spending fund are expected to also include the city's raw water line and pedestrian enhancements in the downtown business district.

The city may also look at a partnership grant application including both Trinidad and Aguilar, which DOLA officials say has a better chance of consideration than one single community application. Trinidad wants to expand gas operations in its industrial park area, and Aguilar has been a natural gas customer of Walsenburg for a number of years. Council directed Walsenburg Administrator Dustin Stambaugh to reach out to both communities to see if they are interested in a participation partnership.

However, if grant funds are not awarded, the project is likely to carry forward with the city seeking bond sales, loans and rate increases. The high pressure gas line has been in place for decades and replacement is seen as a better option than patchwork repairs that have been done periodically though the years. Council member Greg Daniels said he spoke with former long-term gas department director Art Ortiz before making up his mind on the selection of the full replacement option, saying this option is the one Ortiz thinks is the best.

During the meeting this week, the city

council conducted a unique public hearing, that deputy city clerk Rick Colander said had not occurred in decades. The topic was the city's assessment of \$2,739 for the clean up of the Quino Montez property at 227. E. Sixth Street. The nuisance issue dates back to the summer of 2021 and included a number of municipal court appearances involving Montez, and his daughter Vanessa, who was living at the home during the period when city code enforcement issued violations concerning high weeds, trash, and abandoned vehicles on the property. The public hearing lasted in excess of one hour and Montez, his wife, the city administrator and city code enforcement/building inspector Leonard Mondragon all testified. The only matter to be considered during the hearing was the actual assessment cost, and city attorney Dan Hyatt repeatedly directed witnesses to stay on topic during testimony. Evidence showed the matter had been previously adjudicated in municipal court with Judge Joel Shults issuing a mandatory clean up order to the city in January 2022.

The cleaning of the property was done in late January and the Montez's received the assessment.

The public hearing was held to determine whether the city council wanted to let the assessment stand as presented, lower the cost, or dismiss the financial lien altogether. While many of the new city council members and Mayor Charles Bryant ran with the issue of nuisance properties being a priority, they showed this week they have sympathy for the real world economics of life in Walsenburg. The city's assessment included manpower and equipment assigned to the Jan. 26, 2022 clean up. A number of council members indicated they felt administration over charged the Montez's, saying too many people and unnecessary equipment was used. Council member Carmen J. Lara quoted city code saying the cost of any piece of equipment used in this manner included the cost of the operator, something she said the city was essentially

double billing the family for.

Following the presentation of, and accepting evidence into the record, including photographs of the property council made their decision. It was noted during the hearing that immediate pre and post cleanup photos were missing from evidence Mondragon presented to the city attorney, with the last photos put into the record dated Jan. 19, 2022.

Council was told to base their decision solely on the evidence and testimony presented during the hearing Tuesday night and to not vote on any personal knowledge they may have of the situation.

Daniels made the motion to cut the city assessment in half to \$1,369.50. If that amount is not paid to the city within 10 days of the ruling, the family will also have to pay a 10% additional fee. Council member Rick Jennings recused himself from the issue as he is directly related to some of the parties involved. He left the council chambers before the hearing took place. The vote was five in favor of the 50% reduction with council members Daniels, Nick Vigil, Mayor Brant, Don Martinez and Veronica Maes voting to support the motion and Lara voting against it.

While this type of public hearing could not be recalled in any official's memory it was pointed out that this type of hearing would be conducted by the city's appeals board if a full board was in place. Stambaugh reminded the community that the appeals board, which is in the process of rebuilding, still needs one full board member volunteer and two alternates to allow it to become part of the process.

IN OTHER BUSINESS:
 • Council voted to gift the Walsenburg Golf Association one freezer from the Lathrop property "as is", voted to allow the association to begin construction of a new maintenance building and voted to appoint council member Maes to the association's board.

• Jenna Fox presented an update on the caboose painting and rehabilitation project she is spearheading as a volunteer.

• Passed on second reading Ordinance 1165, which clarifies retention times regarding city emails.

• Council voted to postpone action on consideration of an ad-

ditional 2 inch water tap for PW Carne Walsenburg, the marijuana grow facility located just west of Spanish Peaks Regional Health Center. Council also voted to postpone a GMS consulting engineer's request for development of a water

model for the Northland's area, seeking additional information before considering approval as they did in the tap request. Voted in favor of a proclamation citing April 2 through 8, 2022 as Week of the Young Child.

• Voted to approve the medical marijuana and marijuana retail license for Provisions.

Including the work session, which was dedicated to discussions concerning the golf course, the city council was in session for slightly over four

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necessary, hold it until we're all in agreement about it.

And lastly, we're not looking for humorous columnists. Dave High and Baxter Black have left some mighty big shoes to fill. So, unless you're really really REALLY funny, write in a different direction.

Still interested? Haha! Most people don't get this far in this article!

We need to see three columns (they can be on anything concerning the three counties, and they can be random) so we can get a feel of your writing style.

So, please email your pieces to: editor.worldjournal@gmail.com, attention Gretchen. Our deadline is... well, soon. We'd like to have our columnist slots filled out by the beginning of May.

And if you have any questions not covered here, drop us a line, give us a call at 719-738-1415, or stop by our main office at 508 Main St. in Walsenburg.

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ASTRONOMY Planets unseen

by William J. Bechaver

EARTH — This month gives us a unique opportunity to locate the two most distant planets in our solar system, even though this week's conjunction is impossible to view without advanced telescope assistance.

Uranus and Neptune are planets we don't mention much here at the *World Journal*. We tend to deal with the planets that are easily visible with the naked eye, the ones we see traipsing through the sky amongst the stars.

But Uranus and Neptune, though large ice worlds in our distant solar system, are impossible to view without assistance. Uranus can be located in a pair of good binoculars, and Neptune, the most distant, requires a decent telescope to discern it from among the stars in a small field of view.

But this week, we can locate distant Neptune by finding one of our most familiar sights, the largest planet in our solar system, Jupiter.

Jupiter has been difficult to see for several weeks now. It is just emerging into the morning sky, after passing around the far side of the Sun when viewed from Earth. But it is now high enough to be seen easily, low in the morning sky before sunrise.

This next week, the planets will begin to stretch out in our morning sky, following this week's encounter of Mars and Saturn. Jupiter remains the lowest of the four morning planets.

If you go out in the early morning hours and look up this week, you will see the glory of the planets as they are spreading across the morning sky. Saturn is now highest, having outdistanced Mars this week, it lies to the

upper right of the red planet. To the lower left of Mars is brilliant and prominent Venus, and further below and to the left is Jupiter.

But there is an added bonus if you go out on the morning of Tuesday, April 12 before sunrise. Jupiter lies very near Neptune, so though you can't see the most distant of the planets without a telescope, you can get a fix on its location less than a degree from Jupiter, as it lies with the other planets in the morning sky.

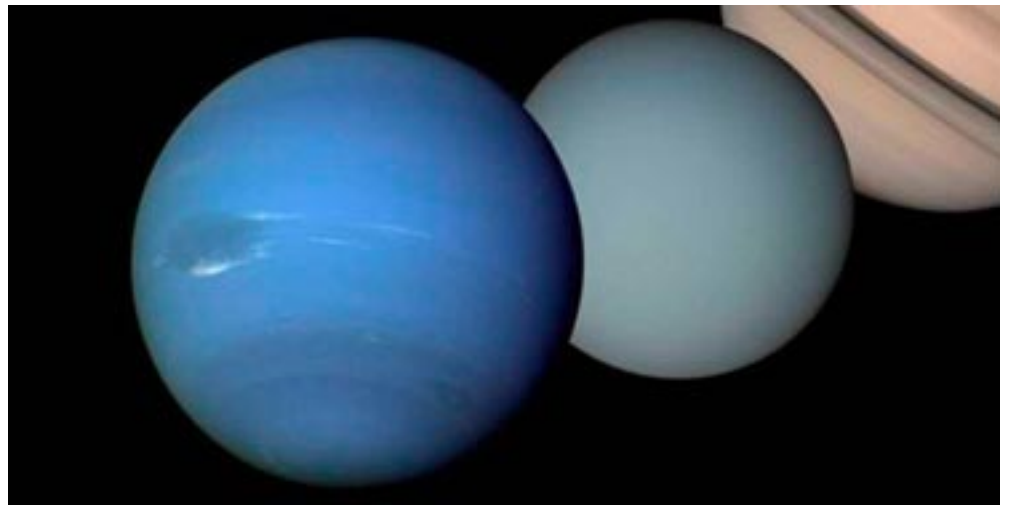
Mercury is the lone planet in the evening sky, and is rapidly climbing after sunset, becoming easily visible this week. Next week, Mercury will encounter Uranus, making for good views in binoculars. So, for the next couple of weeks, we will have a chance to locate our two most elusive and distant planets, though seeing them will take a certain amount of skill, and even more luck.

With our dark skies here, they only need to be clear, so keep your eyes on the skies from sunset to sunrise.

Thanks for the positive feedback about our featured columns, and your continued interest in astronomy. If you have any questions or article requests, contact us at spacescape@rocketmail.com, or follow us on Twitter @ColoSpaceScapE for updates and additional viewing opportunities.

Astronomical Times And Distances of naked-eye objects for this weekend.

Sun Set = 7:29 p.m.
7 minutes later than last week



93.110 million miles from Earth
183,526 miles further than last week

Mercury Set = 8:06 p.m.
46 minutes later than last week
118.455 million miles from Earth
6,458,787 miles nearer than last week
Mercury sets 37 minutes after the Sun

Moon Set = 3:30 a.m.
42 minutes later than last night
249,270 miles from Earth
4,940 miles further than last week
1,394 miles nearer than last night

Saturn Rise = 4:10 a.m.
26 minutes earlier than last week
966,420 million miles from Earth
8,853,663 miles nearer than last week

Mars Rise = 4:22 a.m.
12 minutes earlier than last week
162.520 million miles from Earth
3,891,762 miles nearer than last week

Venus Rise = 4:39 a.m.
5 minutes earlier than last week
78.341 million miles from Earth
5,052,249 miles further than last week
Venus rises 112 minutes before the Sun

Jupiter Rise = 5:30 a.m.
23 minutes earlier than last week
543.304 million miles from Earth

4,139,926 miles nearer than last week
Jupiter rises 61 minutes before the Sun

Sun Rise = 6:31 a.m.
10 minutes earlier than last week
93.122 million miles from Earth
182,967 miles further than last week
11,933 miles further than last night

First Quarter Moon occurs on Saturday, April 9th, at 12:47 a.m.

We've gained 17 minutes of daylight since last week, and a full 75 minutes since last month.

Our Nearest Planetary Neighbor currently is Venus.

No planet in the dark sky for 8 hours 4 minutes. This is the duration between Mercury set in the evening and Saturn rise in the morning. No planets are visible during this period.

Note: Times are local Mountain Time. Actual "sundown" is about a dozen minutes earlier than calculated "sunset". Along the front range, differing times vary depending on your distance from the mountains.

• William J. Bechaver is the director of SPACE • Spanish Peaks Amateur Cosmos Enthusiasts, the premier Astronomical Society for Southern Colorado and Northern New Mexico.

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HELP WANTED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that; Huerfano County is accepting applications for a Tourism Coordinator. This is a full-time position; the position is benefit eligible with a salary of \$30,000. to \$35,000. Applications will be accepted until April 11, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. For all details, qualifications, and job descriptions please go to governmentjobs.com or contact Human Resources at 719-738-3000 Ext. 205 or email jobs@huerfano.us 13-2XU

LA VETA VILLAGE seeks a half-time or contract Business Office Manager. Primary tasks include accounting, billing, financial reporting, and payroll management. If interested call Donna at 719-742-3510, or email letter and resume to assisted_living@lavetavillage.org 14-4XU

HUERFANO SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1 is accepting applications for the following positions: Immediate opening for a part-time cook John Mall High, Full-time cook Gardner Valley Charter School for the 2022-2023 school year. Applications can be picked up at the School District Office located at 201 East Fifth Street, Walsenburg, Colorado 81089. Questions please contact Human Resources Director Lorna Eddleman at 719-738-1520 or leddleman@huerfano.k12.co.us for details. Open until filled. EOE 14-2XU

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Huerfano County is accepting applications for an Ad Valorem Appraiser for the Appraiser's Office. This is a full-time position and is benefit eligible. The annual salary is \$31,600., this is a non-exempt position. Applications will be accepted until April 18, 2022, at 4 p.m. For all details, qualifications, and job descriptions please go to governmentjobs.com or contact Human Resources at 719-738-3000 Ext. 205 or email jobs@huerfano.us 14-2XU

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Huerfano County is accepting applications for a Cattle Guard Maintenance position for Road and Bridge. This is a full-time seasonal position at 40 hours per week; \$17.00 an hour, approximately from May 2022 to October 31, 2022, and is eligible for sick leave benefits only. The deadline is April 18, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. For all details, qualifications, and job descriptions please go to governmentjobs.com or contact Human Resources at 719-738-3000 Ext. 205 or email jobs@huerfano.us 14-2XU

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that; Huerfano County is accepting applications for an Executive Assistant in the Administration Department. This is a full-time position; the position is benefit eligible with a salary of \$30,000. to \$40,000. non-exempt position. Applications will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on April 18, 2022. For all details, qualifications, and job descriptions please go to governmentjobs.com or contact Human Resources at 719-738-3000 Ext. 205 or email jobs@huerfano.us 14-2XU

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT; Huerfano County is accepting applications for a Land Use Director or County Planner. This is a full-time position; the position is benefit eligible with a salary of \$55,000. to \$70,000. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. For all details, qualifications, and job descriptions please go to governmentjobs.com or contact Human Resources at 719-738-3000 Ext. 205 or email jobs@huerfano.us 13-TFN

FRANCISCO FORT MUSEUM IS hiring a Seasonal Employee: Must be 18 years or older. 25 hours a week. No benefits. May 23rd - September 3rd, 2022. Can be flexible on start and end dates. Application & job description at <https://townoflaveta-co.gov/forms-permits/> Turn in applications to the Town of La Veta or email to laurieerwin@townoflaveta-co.gov Accepting applications until the position is filled. 13-4XU

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that; Huerfano County is accepting applications for a Dispatcher in the Emergency Service Department. This is a full-time position; the position is benefit eligible with a salary of \$33,971.00. non-exempt position. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. For all details, qualifications, and job descriptions please go to governmentjobs.com or contact Human Resources at 719-738-3000 Ext. 205 or email jobs@huerfano.us 13-TFN

WE ARE SEEKING AN energetic, motivated individual to join our company as a Tow Truck Operator. As part of our roadside assistance team, you respond to calls from our dispatch, meet with customers to provide services such as refuel, tire change, lock-outs, or tow their disabled vehicle, and provide on-the-spot customer service to otherwise distressed motorists. This position requires automotive

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- Tow Truck Operator Requirements and Qualifications
- Automotive skills and knowledge
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- Prior experience with tow trucks and roadside assistance is preferred.
- The ability to crouch, perform automotive repairs in potentially inclement environments, and lift objects up to 50 pounds

Salary will be discussed at time of interview. Stop by our office, pick up an application and set up a job interview from Edgar. 928 Main St. Walsenburg CO 81089 02-TFN

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that Huerfano County Sheriff Department is accepting applications for the position of Detention Officer for the Huerfano County Jail. This is a full-time position eligible for County benefit plans. The starting salary is \$33,000. Qualified candidates must be 21 years of age, have a High School Diploma or GED. A mandatory background check and pre-employment drug screen will be required. Shift work, holidays and weekends may be part of your regular schedule. A copy of the Job Description and Application are available by contacting Human Resources at 719-738-3000 Ext. 205 or email jobs@huerfano.us Application will be accepted until position is filled. Huerfano County is an equal opportunity employer. 14-TFN

HUERFANO COUNTY CONCRETE is now hiring full and part time CDL driver's starting pay \$18.00 per hour with benefits. Call 719-738-1320. 22-4XU

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT HUERFANO COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT is accepting applications

for **THE POSITION OF DEPUTY.** Qualified candidates must be P.O.S.T. certified within 30 days of hire; 21 years of age or older; have a High School Diploma or GED; must adhere to policy, procedures and post orders. Drug testing, criminal background and mental evaluation will be required. Shift work is mandatory and may include weekends and holidays. This is a full time position, eligible for County Benefits with a starting base wage of \$36,627.38. A copy of the Job Description and Application are available by contacting Human Resources at 719-738-3000 Ext. 205 or email jobs@huerfano.us. Applications will be accepted until positions are filled. Huerfano County is an equal opportunity employer. 37-TFN

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE Specialist. Will train right person. Three day work week, wage based on experience. Send resume to: Legendswest1018@gmail.com 36-TFN

COLFAX HELP WANTED

THE SPRINGER MUNICIPAL Schools Board of Education is seeking an experienced and dedicated educational leader to become the district's long term superintendent. The Springer Municipal Schools serves approximately 118 students K-12 in Colfax County in north-central New Mexico. Salary will be in the \$110,000-\$120,000 range and is negotiable depending upon qualifications and experience. An excellent benefits package is also available and will be negotiated by the Board with the successful applicant. Candidates may obtain the electronic application from REAP. Lenore Montoya may be contacted for any questions @ 575-483-3432. Applications may also be mailed to Rebecca Herrera, Board President, PO Box 308, Springer, NM 87747. The application

process closes April 22, 2022 and the electronic application must be received by that date to be considered. **13-3XU**

COLFAX COUNTY Job Posting. Job title-Colfax DWI Compliance Officer. Pay Status-Contract, exempt. Reports to DWI Coordinator Salary: \$30,000-\$33,000. Open until filled. Position Summary: Under general direction of the DWI Coordinator, the prevention specialist will organize and participate in DWI public relations. Please visit our website for more information. You can submit resume or application to county human resources dept. if you are interested applying for the position, PO Box 1498, Raton, NM 87740, or email svaldez@co.colfax.nm.us or mgore@co.colfax.nm.us Colfax County is an equal opportunity employer **27-TFN**

COLFAX COUNTY Job Posting. Job title- Full-Time Deputy Clerk - Permanent. Pay Status-FLSA Non-Exempt. Reports to County Clerk. Salary: \$23,920 - \$32,257. Date Close-until filled. **Position Summary:** Performs a variety of clerical functions in support of records and filings, including assisting customers, record keeping, and collecting cash; to maintain official County records and perform other duties as assigned. Maintains confidentiality of all privileged information.

Minimum qualifications:

- A high school diploma or GED.
- Combination of clerical training or progressively responsible experience in an office environment totaling three (3) years.
- Ability to communicate effectively in both oral and written in English.
- Knowledge of standard office procedures and practices.
- Ability to operate standard office machines including but limited to word, processor, computer, and multi-line phone system.
- Ability to interact effectively and professionally with the public, supervisors, and co-workers.
- Ability to work alone and set priorities.
- Ability to perform transcription duties

Working conditions:

- All essential duties are performed indoors within a temperature-controlled environment.
- Worker often works alone both with and without directions from supervisor
- Office setting with desk and cubical environment.
- Essential and marginal functions may require physical condition necessary for sitting or standing for prolonged periods of time.

Screening and compliance: The offer of this Colfax County Position requires compliance with the following:

- Employee must successfully complete employment drug screen and background check.
- Employee must comply with personnel ordinance and guidelines of the County.
- Employee must possess a valid New Mexico driver's license by employment date and retain a valid license while employed in this position.

Please submit resume to Colfax County Human Resources Department., PO Box 1498, Raton, NM 87740, or email svaldez@co.colfax.nm.us or mgore@co.colfax.nm.us Deadline is February 10, 2022 by 4p.m. Colfax County is an equal opportunity employer **10-TFN**

COLFAX COUNTY

YOUTH Empowerment Services. Colfax County Youth Empowerment Services has two positions open for full-time Family Support Practitioner/Pre-Natal and Early Childhood Home Visitor(s) to provide family support services for both Colfax and Union Counties. Position Specifications: Education: Bachelor's or AA degree, from an accredited College or University, in human services or education field preferred. Will consider non-degreed with years of experience equaling college accreditation. A degree outside human services may substitute with an additional 1½ years of direct home-based services such as Family Preservation, MST, FFT, etc. working with children and families. Experience: Child welfare experience working with families in complex situations preferred. Knowledge of child welfare policies and programs and strategies of home-based services. Field experience working with children and families and overall ability to relate to and engage with these families. Skills: Requires working knowledge of child welfare in-home services. Excellent verbal and written communication skills; effective interpersonal skills, ability to relate to wide diversity of people and situations, both internal and external, demonstrated good judgment. Demonstrated skills in family engagement strategies, facilitating science-based curriculum, conducting assessments on both adults and children, recruitment and community outreach, organizational and time management skills. Willingness and ability to participate in initial and ongoing training, including overnight, provided through our funding sources. Other: Must meet state criminal background check requirements and pass a drug test. Ability to maintain a flexible work schedule. Travel: Must have a reliable vehicle, appropriate and valid state driver's license and registration. Must have liability auto insurance and be able to transport clients if needed. Must be capable of travel and driving within coverage area, often multiple hours per day. Download application form at www.co.colfax.nm.us, send completed application along with resume to dortiz@co.colfax.nm.us. Job posting will be open until position is filled. For more information call Debbie at (575) 707-0483 **38-TFN**

JOB TITLE: ROAD and Bridge Maintenance Operator - Raton, NM. Pay Status: Non-Exempt. Reports to Road Department Superintendent. Salary: \$13.84 Hrly. Open until filled. Position Summary: Under supervision of the County Road Superintendent, performs maintenance on County roads and bridges and other County property and other duties as assigned. Work involves performing semi-skilled tasks to maintain roads and bridges, culverts and cattle guards. Please visit our website for a full job description. **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

- A high school diploma or GED.
- Must have Class A CDL.
- Must have three (3) years of road experience or relevant.
- Must pass road equipment test at time of interview.
- Knowledge of the methods, materials and

road equipment operation, as well as care and basic maintenance. Please submit application and resume to Colfax County Manager's office if you are interested in applying for the position, open until filled. Mail to Colfax County HR Department, RE: Road Dept. Job Posting, PO Box 1498, Raton, NM 87740 or email to SVALDEZ@CO.COLFAX.NM.US or visit our website www.co.colfax.nm.us Colfax County is an Equal Opportunity employer. **32-TFN**

COLFAX COUNTY Job Posting. Job title-Information Technology Support Specialist- Full Time. Pay Status-Non-Exempt. Reports to IT Director Salary: Depends on experience. Open until filled. Position Summary: Under general supervision of the IT Director, provides a wide range of support line-of-business applications, systems, and software. Employee must comply with policies and guidelines of the County. Please submit resume or application to county manager's office, if you are interested applying for the position. PO Box 1498, Raton, NM 87740, or email svaldez@co.colfax.nm.us or visit www.co.colfax.nm.us and find detailed job description and benefits package. Colfax County is an equal opportunity employer **27-TFN**

PETS

FREE TO CARING, responsible homes. Adult Cats and Kittens. Affectionate, Social, Healthy, House trained, neutered. If interested, call: 719-766-6184. Please leave a message. **12-TFN**

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FOR RENT

MOBILE HOMES FOR RENT IN LA VETA 3 BR, 2BA, \$925 per month. Also 1BR, 1BA for \$675 per month. 2BR, 1BA for \$775 per month. First, last and deposit required. Washer, dryer, water and trash included. No pets. Call 1-719-742-3863 **51-TFN**

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COMMUNITY

WANTED TO BUY - Elk and deer antlers. Any amount. All grades. Top prices. Also, bear traps. Powell's Antler Shop. Trinidad, CO. 719-859-3587. **08-27XP**

PRAISE CHURCH at Walsenburg, formerly Lighthouse Worship Center. We would love to have you join us Sunday at 10:30 am, 311 W 4th St, Walsenburg. Lead Pastor Steve Chavez. Contact phone 719-544-9486, walsenburg@pueblo-praise.org, mailing address 2000 Troy Ave. Pueblo CO 81001. **46-26XU**

BONCARBO VFD Auxiliary. Save the dates: May 14th-Community clean up. June 11th- Flea Market. August 6th- Annual Poker Run. Call 719- 846-8538 for more information, or: check us out on facebook- Boncarbo volunteer fire department auxiliary. **13-VAR.**

LIEN SALE

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE- Notice is hereby given on 4/08/22 that the below described property will be sold or otherwise disposed of, in a manner consistent with Colorado law. The personal property of Daniel Merritt at the Huerfano Mini Storage, is listed as: miscellaneous. **13-2XU**

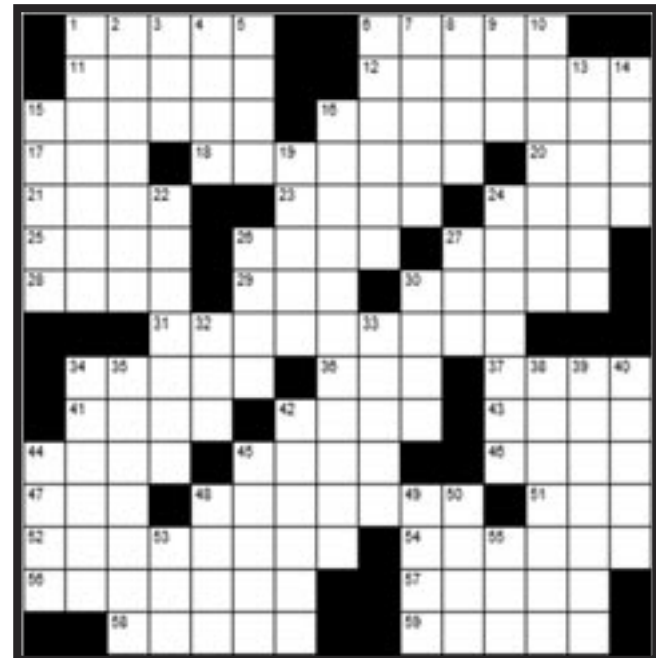
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Crossword



- ACROSS**
1. Chip dip
 6. Doughnut-shaped roll
 11. Courtroom event
 12. Common name for the US
 15. Contusion
 16. Showed discomfort
 17. Delay
 18. Confidential things
 20. Finish
 21. Burden
 23. Easter flower
 24. Picnic insects
 25. Look at flirtatiously
 26. Racehorse
 27. Rear end
 28. Bargain
 29. Additionally
 30. Cheapskate
 31. Renounce earnestly (alt. sp.)
 34. Reason
 36. Make lace
 37. Back of the neck
 41. Thorny flower
 42. Two considered together
 43. Ends a prayer
 44. Cumberbund
 45. A temple (archaic)
 46. Alley
 47. Play a role
 48. National
 51. Flat hat
 52. Impressions
 54. Lacking companions
 56. Gist
 57. Give or take
 58. Direct
 59. Repentant

- DOWN**
1. Unusual
 2. Eruca sativa
 3. Fifty-two in Roman
 4. Back talk
 5. Away from the wind
 6. Scarcely
 7. Friendliness
 8. Jewels
 9. Chapter in history
 10. Permission
 13. In the middle
 14. Combines
 15. Life sustaining bodily fluid
 16. Grinding wheels
 19. Duplicate

Last week's key



22. Egocentric
24. Armory
26. Recreation area
27. What we breathe
30. Sweater eater
32. Half of a pair
33. H2O
34. Remnants
35. Party organizer
38. Not professional
39. Punishment
40. Foe
42. Beleaguer
44. Out of harm's way
45. Palisade
48. All right
49. "Oh dear!"
50. Timber wolf
53. Permit
55. Neither



What do you know about that?

Auld Edinburghe

by Ruth Orr

SCOTLAND — Edinburgh, Scotland -- Ah, Edinburgh. Auld Reekie. Capital city of Scotland, home to castles, men in kilts, and a famous statue of a dog.

Edinburgh is an ancient place with a long, long history. The first signs of human habitation come from a Mesolithic site dated to 8500 BCE, with later bronze and iron age settlements in the area as well. The Romans arrived in the first century CE, establishing a fort in the area. As the centuries passed, Edinburgh passed hands between groups in power, being built up through time to become a well-fortified, safe medieval city. Guarded by a castle, defended by walls and water, the city still today is a safe haven for its 500,000 (ish) inhabitants.

It's regularly cited as among the safest cities in the United Kingdom, with your odds of being mugged, scammed, or having any other violent crime done upon you quite low. A shining beacon, no? Visitors today have no fear about wandering the streets. Even getting plastered at the local pub and staggering home on the night bus usually ends with you right where you meant to go and with only a bad hangover instead of a lost wallet.

It wasn't always so pleasant. Edinburgh has, as with all old cities and civilizations, had its growing pains, often with an emphasis on the pain. There's a reason that a quick walk through the main tourist district involves passing multiple tours for graveyards, and ghosts.

One instance of Edinburgh violence that may resonate with fans of Game of Thrones was the 1441 Black Dinner at Edinburgh Castle. If you're a fan of GOT you may already know that meals or celebrations with a color in the name don't often end well. In fact, George R.R. Martin was inspired by the Black Dinner when he wrote the bloody Red Wedding into his book. The gist is that young King James II (and I do mean young, he was only ten) was on the throne at Edinburgh Castle. Except, as a child, he wasn't really calling the shots. Instead, it was his Regent, a man named Archibald Douglas, who held the power.

The Douglas Clan was the most influential family in Scotland at the time, and not everyone was happy about it. When the Regent died in 1439, the Lord Chancellor, Sir William Crichton, began to scheme to displace the Douglas family

from power. To do that however, he would need to remove two obstacles: 16 year old William, 6th Earl of Douglas, and his little brother, David.

Crichton arranged for a fun little dinner party at the castle so the Douglas boys could bond with the young King James. When they sat to eat however, a severed black bull's head, the symbol of death, was placed in front of William. He and David tried to escape, but were grabbed, dragged into the castle courtyard, and quickly found guilty of treason in a mock trial. Before morning, the two had been beheaded. Funnily enough this little incident did *not* fix everyone's problems, and the Douglas Clan continued to wield great power, though now with a grudge against the king.

Another thing Edinburgh is known for, is its long history at the forefront of research and medicine. In fact, as the university churned out new doctors and made new advances in medicine, it found (as did other universities in Scotland, including in Glasgow and Aberdeen) that it was running a bit low on some essentials-- namely, bodies to dissect and study.

As early as 1505, Scottish doctors were dissecting bodies to help improve their understanding of anatomy and thus of how to treat their living patients. Bodies were initially provided by the government, who gave them convicted and executed felons, but that meant a very small supply, sometimes only one or two bodies a year. Occasionally they could get bodies of those who died in prison even if they weren't executed felons, but still. Slim pickings. And they got slimmer as the university grew and with it, demand.

You know how the free market works. There was a need, a specific niche, and there were those willing to fill it. If doctors needed bodies, they'd pay for them, no questions asked. And hey, would you look at that, a whole *cemetery*, just filled with bodies. Not like those folks need 'em anymore, right? And so grave robbing became a lucrative black market career move.

Folks built up entire businesses out of the trade, hiring spies to keep an eye out for funeral notices or burials, then reporting back. Teams would keep tabs on where the dead were to be buried and when, and then, before they'd even been in their graves a single night (fresher bodies paid better), corpses would be rapidly

dug up and transported to back doors of doctors and universities. Coins would be passed in the shadows, and the process would repeat again the next night.

It actually got to be so well organized that it became a hard game to break into. All the good bodies were already taken by the established grave robbers, so any up and coming fellows had to be enterprising and use their noggins. And that's just what a pair of men, Burke and Hare, decided to do in the late 1820s. The problem was they couldn't compete and get in on the fresh body game. The solution? If you can't get store-bought, homemade is fine. And by that I mean they killed people, not that they got into arts and crafts.

Over the course of about ten months in 1827-1828, Burke and Hare got 16 people drunk, killed them, and then dropped their steamingly fresh and suspiciously grave-dirt free bodies off at the University of Edinburgh with Dr. Robert Knox.

Eventually, the two were caught. Burke ended up being hanged, and then was dissected himself (that's karma, baby!). Hare avoided the death sentence by pleading guilty and giving all the details of everything they'd done. He had to escape from mobs of angry city folk however, who weren't as keen as the courts on letting him go. The last anyone saw, he was heading out on foot for England, never to be heard from again.

There is also the case of the good Deacon William Brodie. Brodie was a master of cabinets and carpentry, the best in his

trade and an all-around upstanding fellow. He was a member of town council, always had a coin or two in his pockets to give beggars and the needy, and was so skilled he was commissioned by the government to design and construct a set of movable gallows, the height of execution-chic at the time. He would be hired on to fix up someone's house or install new cabinets, get the key, do the work, turn the key back over to the owners, and go merrily along his way. A lovely business model for a lovely man. Except... that's missing a step. Because making cabinetry was not Brodie's only job.

The good Deacon Brodie had a dark side, you see. By day, everyone's friend. By night, a man addicted both to drink and to gambling. And those expensive evening addictions could not be financed with a few cupboards alone. So Brodie would take the keys to the homes he was working in and secretly make copies. A few weeks after he finished an installation job, he'd return in the dead of night with three of his friends to rob the place blind.

Brodie and Co. were eventually caught when they tried to rob a government building in 1788. He was hanged on the gallows he'd designed and buried in an unmarked grave. His bizarre double life was also the inspiration for Robert Louis Stevenson's famous book, 'The Strange Case of Dr. Jeckyll and Mr. Hyde'.

The list of ghoulish stories from Edinburgh's past is much, much longer than all this, but these are among the more famous dark deeds in its history. There's plenty of light and fun in the city too of course, but perhaps you should book a trip and discover those for yourself.



A tavern in Old Town Edinburgh named after the infamous Deacon Brodie. Photo by Ruth Orr

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Kamal was born in Trinidad, Colorado into a loving home in 1992. His family moved to Gardner, Colorado in 1995 where he was raised on 40 acres at the base of Greenhorn Mountain. During his high school years he spent time living in Walsenburg, and then Boca Raton, Florida before he ultimately graduated from Dolores Huerta Preparatory Academy in Pueblo, Colorado in 2010. He then moved to Denver where he attended the University of Colorado's Denver campus. Kamal married his wife Shiree in 2015 and they now have 2 beautiful daughters. Although new to the Real Estate industry Kamal is driven by a strong foundation of values that allow him to treat people kindly, fairly, and with respect. A self-described "Go Giver" (as opposed to a "Go getter"), Kamal is passionate about customer service and helping his clients achieve their goals.

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Huerfano County



Spring Fire defendant released from charges April 4, 2022 Case had 141 arson counts in Costilla & Huerfano counties

staff report

DENVER — A judge on Monday, April 4, 2022 dismissed criminal charges against a Danish man accused of starting the 2018 Spring Fire in southern/south central Colorado that destroyed over 100 homes in two counties.

The fire destroyed homes and out-buildings in Costilla County in the eastern part of the San Luis Valley and in neighboring Huerfano County in south central Colorado.

Fire mitigation efforts, clean-up of damaged mountain and ranch land, and rebuilding has continued since shortly after the fire was finally brought under control.

The Spring Fire began on Wednesday, June 27, 2018 near Fort Garland, Colorado. Joergensen, 52, a citizen of Denmark and reported by immigration authorities as being in the United States illegally because he had overstayed his visa, was arrested and faced arson charges for allegedly starting the fire.

He had been using a fire pit to grill food while camping in rural Colorado, and claimed he was unaware of the open fire ban that was in place at the time the fire got out of control.

At the time of his first contact with Costilla County deputies, he told them

he had presumed the fire in the pit was fully extinguished, but was awakened from his afternoon nap by the smell of smoke a few hours later. He said he initially attempted to extinguish it himself, getting minor burns in the process, and when that failed he called 911. When the first firefighters arrived the fire had already engulfed trees and vegetation.

The blaze was declared 100% contained on Sept. 10, 2018, after more than 140 structures were destroyed in the fire.

In the ensuing four years since his arrest, Joergensen was repeatedly found unable to stand trial due to mental condition factors and repeated refusal while in custody at various facilities, to take prescribed medications for his situation.

It was not clear what would happen to Joergensen once he is released from the state mental hospital in Pueblo, which was expected to happen later in the day on April 4, 2022 but he will apparently be a free man.

Judge Gregory Lyman had hoped Joergensen, who was in the country illegally when he was accused of starting the fire, would be deported if the charges were dropped but he said U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforce-

ment had no intention of doing that, without elaborating. A spokesperson for ICE didn't immediately return a call and email seeking comment on April 4, 2022 according to the Associated Press Office in Denver.

Rikke Andresen of the Danish con-

sulate in Chicago said she was aware of what had happened but said she couldn't comment on the case, including whether the Danish government would offer assistance to Joergensen or help him return to Denmark.



Jesper Joergensen has been in custody in various facilities since his initial arrest by Costilla County Sheriff's deputies on the first day the fire was reported there. He had faced 141 arson counts until the criminal charges were dropped this week. *Courtesy photo*

Huerfano Commissioners pass open burn permit system ordinance on first reading this week and will set public hearing on ordinance in near future; Public will be able to see ordinance in the *World Journal* April 14 edition in the newspaper's legals section

by E.E. Mullens

WALSENBURG — It seemed highly appropriate Tuesday with strong winds, low humidity and potential wildfire warnings in effect that the Huerfano County Board of County Commissioners approved in a unanimous vote, a new ordinance on first reading that will establish a open burn permit system that addresses high wind, red flag and high wind warning days.

Ordinance 2022-01 said, in part, the board finds that the reduction of hazardous fuels on public and private land within the county reduces the threat of wildfire and improves the health of forests. The ordinance says further the disposal by burning of slash material aids in the reduction of wildfire fuel and says, "The board finds it to be prudent and necessary to require notification to first responders before open burning and to provide penalties for failure to follow the requirements of the open burn permitting and notifications process.

The ordinance, in its first reading form, says, by restricting open fires and open burning in the unincorporated areas of Huerfano County to prevent forest and grass fires given the high danger of such fires because of atmospheric conditions, including lack of moisture and other conditions in the county declare the policy of county govern-



Although most in the local agricultural community have gotten into the habit of notifying dispatch of controlled burns and checking weather conditions, the board of commissioners this week passed an ordinance addressing wildfire issues and establishing a free permitting process. The ordinance will undergo a public hearing and, if necessary, adjustments to the document before it goes into effect. *World Journal file photo by E.E. Mullens*

BURN PERMIT
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Water Augmentation on the Huerfano

First in a series on local water issues provided by the Huerfano County Water Conservancy District

HUERFANO — Fifteen years ago, the Huerfano River was in crisis. Unlawful diversions of water had multiplied and made a serious impact. Five of those diversions were Malachite Spring, Paradise Acres Homeowners Association, CO61 Water Association, Huerfano County (road and bridge), and the school and community of Gardner.

In January and February of 2009, the state's division engineer and the county commissioners held a series of meetings on the issue. Attended by about 30 water users on the Huerfano, the meetings decided that an augmentation plan was needed and that the Huerfano County Water Conservancy District was the only entity able to develop and operate that plan. The district agreed to do so "provided the costs are paid by the participants and the administration and maintenance of the plan are paid annually by the participants."

BEGINNINGS

For several years, the district oper-

ated annual substitute water supply plans. They replaced the illegal depletions with water temporarily retired from legal diversions from senior water rights.

Each year the district scrambled to find a senior water right to lease or borrow. Then, in 2014, with cash from voter-approved increases to its mill levy and to its debt limit, as well as a grant and a loan from the Colorado Water Conservation Board, the District bought a senior water right and built necessary augmentation facilities. A permanent augmentation plan was decreed by the Water Court in 2016. The final augmentation facility, including Sheep Mountain Reservoir near Gardner, was completed in September 2021 and is used to store and release augmentation water.

Rather than augment only the original five unlawful diversions, to promote economic development the District created a regional augmentation plan. Under that plan, the District can now provide augmentation water

throughout the Huerfano River basin. As a result, the District plan now also serves a campground and four commercial marijuana growers. It has several applications in process to meet depletions of a gravel quarry and several wildcat ponds.

TYPES

The district provides augmentation water by contract with three types of reliability: Tier 1, available every year; Tier 2, projected to be available seven out of ten years; Tier 3, available on a casual "as available" basis.

Purchase cost of the contract augmentation water was calculated to recoup taxpayer investment for the project cost. The rate structure provides the lowest cost (subsidized) water to traditional water users and higher priced (unsubsidized) water to new users, such as commercial marijuana growers.

Complete information on the rates and costs for replacement water can be found on the district website,

<https://www.hcwcd.net/>.

One-time cost of Tier 1 depletion water ranges from \$51,100 to \$79,500 per acre-foot (af), depending on the amount of subsidy provided by the district. Leases and lease-to-purchase options are available. Tier 2 water costs \$10,000 per acre-foot of depletion. As it becomes available, Tier 3 water is put out to bid.

Currently, the District provides augmentation water in the total amount of 20 annual acre-feet: six to domestic users, one af to commercial use, three to industrial users, and ten acre-feet to marijuana growers. About 25 af of Tier 1 water remain for distribution.

Interestingly, applications have been received for about 47 af. The applications will be honored in the order in which they have been received and fully paid for.

The District's next augmentation efforts will be in the Cucharas River basin, where it is already laying the groundwork for a similar augmentation program.

Area Weather Forecast

La Veta

Date	High	Low	Prec.
04/07	49°	30°	0%
04/08	56°	39°	0%
04/09	64°	46°	0%
04/10	57°	37°	4%
04/11	54°	35°	10%
04/12	48°	24°	24%
04/13	38°	25°	24%
04/14	46°	29°	6%

Walsenburg

Date	High	Low	Prec.
04/07	54°	28°	0%
04/08	63°	38°	0%
04/09	73°	50°	0%
04/10	65°	36°	2%
04/11	65°	39°	7%
04/12	58°	28°	24%
04/13	42°	25°	24%
04/14	52°	31°	4%

Weather Report

Cuchara

Date	High	Low	Conditions
03/30	39°	19°	1.5" snow, mostly cloudy
03/31	50°	26°	sunny
04/01	46°	34°	partly sunny
04/02	58°	36°	sunny
04/03	44°	27°	3" snow, cloudy
04/04	48°	35°	mostly cloudy
04/05	49°	27°	partly sunny

Thanks to Dakota Duke's!

Cuchara Snow Report

2021-2022 Season
227" Snowfall

2020-2021	Season Total Snow	262"
2019-2020	Season Total Snow	155.5"
2018-2019	Season Total Snow	228"
2017-2018	Season Total Snow	62"
2016-2017	Season Total Snow	217"
2015-2016	Season Total Snow	212"
2014-2015	Season Total Snow	204"
2013-2014	Season Total Snow	162"
2012-2013	Season Total Snow	163"
2011-2012	Season Total Snow	291"
10 Year Avg. Annual Snowfall		191"

BURN PERMIT

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ment to establish a permitting system that will: allow and regulate open and safe burning of slash; inform residents and visitors, and property owners of considerations for the appropriate, safe, and effective use of fire as a tool; and, reinforce knowledge of local requirements of fire districts and county ordinances to increase public awareness and protect the health, safety and welfare of the public.

The ordinance covers appropriate definitions in 15 categories and addresses language for both stage one and stage two fire restrictions and in separate sections addresses defined unlawful actions, exceptions and exemptions, implementation of fire restriction stages, the permitting process, enforcement, liability, and severability.

The ordinance will be published in the legal section of the *World Journal*, likely in the April 14th edition, and at that time it is ex-

pected the date for the public hearing will be announced. County administration said the ordinance, as currently proposed, will be available on the county website once some server issues have been fixed.

Ordinance 2022-01 says the county's emergency manager and staff within the Emergency Services Department have worked in collaboration with the three fire protection districts in the county, and the county sheriff's office to develop the ordinance.

IN OTHER BUSINESS:

- The board approved Resolution 22-20 that accepted a special warranty deed and a bargain and sale deed from Shell Legacy Holdings, LLC for the property known as the Thorne Ranch and associated water rights.

- The board also approved a Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) administrative planning grant request by Huerfano County for development of a county park on the recently acquired Thorne Ranch

Property. County administration indicated the planning cost estimate at \$50,000 and it is seeking \$25,000 from DOLA.

- Other resolutions passed by the board this week included one appointing Bob Kenemer to the county tourism board with a term ending Dec. 31, 2025 on a 2-1 vote, with Commissioner John Galusha voting no and Commissioners Arica Andreatta and Board Chairman Gerald Cisneros voting yes. Resolutions 22-16, 17 and 18 appointing Susanna Bensman, Vicki Barnhouse and Albert Galvan to the Spanish Peaks Library District Board of Directors passed with a unanimous vote in the board's consent agenda.

- The board approved a letter of support to Colorado U.S. Senators John Hickenlooper and Michael Bennet on behalf of the Spanish Peaks Regional

Health Center in their request for Congressionally Directed Spending for a Da Vinci Surgical System, which provides a magnified, high-definition 3-D images for the surgical department. This item is a robotic surgical device with an estimated price tag of \$1,000,000.

- Remaining in the area of Congressionally Directed Spending requests, the board approved a pair of requests for the county involving funds for the GPID Collection System (the Gardner waste treatment plant upgrade) and for construction funds for the county Emergency Operations and Dispatch Center. The county requesting the maximum amount permitted, \$2M for phases one and two for the GIP, and \$8M for the EOC based on full cost estimates from the conceptual designs completed by HGF and the Schrader Group.

Museum of Friends tours

WALSENBURG — MoF is inviting teachers and students (Pre-K through high school) to visit MoF for the school tour program which is back on track.

As we emerge from 2+ years of COVID-19, how do we reengage our community by working with children, older youth, educators and caregivers.

What have we learned that can assist in our work to move forward? One thing is apparent that our children's needs are paramount. Programs that address social and emotional learning such as the school tour program at the Museum of Friends can offer healing in this time of need. All teachers, educators and home school directors are encouraged to visit MoF to learn about the current new changing exhibitions and the permanent collection to see how these may augment your curriculum goals.

We ask that you give us two weeks' notice to plan an educational and fun-filled program for your students that begins with a conversation. With your help we will plan a pre- and post-visit in the classroom program.

Please visit: www.museumoffriends.org to learn what is available or email: info@museumoffriends.org for questions.

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Quotes

Tax Day

"The income tax has made liars out of more Americans than golf."
~ Will Rogers

"I just filled out my income tax forms. Who says you can't get killed by a blank?"
~ Milton Berle

"On my income tax 1040, it says, 'Check this box if you are blind.' I wanted to put a check mark about 3 inches away."
~ Tom Lehrer

"Worried about an IRS audit? Avoid what's called a red flag. That's something the IRS always looks for. For example, say you have some money left in your bank account after paying taxes. That's a red flag."
~ Jay Leno

"You don't pay taxes — they take taxes."
~ Chris Rock

"Death, taxes, and childbirth! There's never any convenient time for any of them."
~ Margaret Mitchell

"When it comes to taxes, there are two types of people. There are those that get it done early, also known as psychopaths, and then the rest of us."
~ Jimmy Kimmel

"Day in and day out, your tax accountant can make or lose more money than any single person in your life with the possible exception of your kids."
~ Harvey Mackay

"Just taught my kids about taxes by eating 38% of their ice cream."
~ Conan O'Brien

"According to a recent survey, 12% of Americans say that it's fine to cheat a little on your taxes, while the other 88% know not to talk to a guy with a clipboard asking them if they cheat on their taxes."
~ Jimmy Fallon

"You know, if the U.S. government wanted to boost the economy, there's a simple solution: make Black Friday the refund date for your state and federal taxes."
~ Stanley Victor Paskavich

History

What was new in '22

Martial law, censorship, and a flu wave

by Nancy Christofferson

WALSENBURG — Looking back to 1922, one might not even notice at first that 100 years had gone by, except for the names.

That year began with the issue of the *Walsenburg World* dated Jan. 3, containing a plethora of commercial changes, changes of addresses, ownerships and services offered. The formation of an auto club might be confusing to a modern reader, and the advertisements for Overland and Studebaker cars and an enigma reading "Red Ball Auto Service, in Victoria Pool Hall." Of course, that one might have puzzled more than a few at that time, too. Car repair in a pool hall?

In the Jan. 6 issue we begin to realize a sizable time gap when we learn "This Paper Was Censored by the Colorado Rangers." Huh?

But it is true. Huerfano (and Las Animas) had been under martial law declared by the governor in November 1921 when the coal miners had first gone out on strike, and stayed there. These things happened, and residents worked around disturbances such as armed military men among them randomly conducting personal and residential searches, but when the Huerfano Farm Bureau met for its annual meeting in a rented dance hall, an explanation seemed necessary. Turns out, those rangers had established headquarters in the district court room, where not only trials took place, but the farm bureau and other large, homeless organizations were accustomed to have meetings. Thus, rent a hall.

The issue of the 10th revealed "A small army of alleged Turks made things lively here Sunday evening by staging a shooting and assault" near Sixth and Main. Alleged Turks? The reference apparently made sense in 1922 but in 2022 we have questions. While

there is no doubt the conflict was a part of the strike, where were those rangers? The following Sunday the priests at St. Mary Church "preached strong sermons" on the "immoral conditions of the city". This indicates that, unlike during other disturbances, the pool halls, gambling halls and "soft drink emporiums" had not been closed to avoid gatherings of men with causing trouble on their minds. Despite national Prohibition, liquor ran freely in Walsenburg, which is what the priests were trying to point out. Instead, the mayor ordered the return of the curfew whistle so teenagers would get off the streets by 8 p.m.!

Normal activities continued, of course, like the Cameron bowling team sponsoring a dance with "the best three-piece orchestra in the county" [unnamed], Marshal Taxi Service lauding its single Hupmobile, and the fact that sheep were doing well. The big news mid-January was that "soda pop" prices had gone back to a nickel.

"A Cole-8, loaded down with 18 cases of bonded whiskey, gin and wine, was seized by prohibition officers a few miles from town after both rear tires had been punctured by bullets", a news item of the 17th of January, was just more proof of lawlessness. More important to some readers was the information that the Ideal Sunday School had changed locations and that the farming community of Pauley had reorganized its literary society.

Then a fire started in the new Cameron school, which eventually destroyed it AND the old school nearby. Dr. Mustain's car was stolen and Sheriff Harry Capps, hauling confiscated illicit liquor to Denver by car, was chased for many miles by frustrated bad guys.

February brought the news that farmers around the Rattlesnake Buttes, and there were many in those home-



stead days, were making small fortunes on their crops of white navy beans and, yes, pigs and hogs fattening on the remains of crops. Fifty new members joined the farm bureau at Gardner. Our paper tells us the principal industries of the county were coal mining, farming and stock raising. Among the favored crops, besides beans, both navy and pinto, were alfalfa, corn and garden vegetables.

From this we assume the climate was somewhat wetter back then, for vegetables to thrive on the plains without irrigation, and this was a fact.

Around Walsenburg, one of the county's favorite longtime law officers, Shorty Martinez, was employed as a state ranger, and assisted in breaking up a gang of shoplifters. Still, not even the rangers could contain crime. A drunk emptied his gun at a police officer at a dance, for instance, and someone stole the 1,150 pound delivery horse of the Schwab and Schafer Packing Company. Meanwhile, the Walsenburg Choral Society presented its first performance, *The Mikado*, starring George Unfug. The Apache PTA was entertained by their high school students with a mock trial, and the dance in Mutual was well attended. Sometimes, normalcy reigns, even in small places.

Just as the good news was announced of the construction of the new Guaranty State Bank, it was noted that miners attempting to return to their old jobs were not being hired. New men, non-union men, were taking the jobs, especially in the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company mines.

But worse was to come. For some time, since late January, a lot of sickness had been reported. When in late February three obituaries appeared for people who were suffering from pneumonia, and others were ailing, it became evident there was a problem. By the first week of March, we learn a "flu wave" was causing much absenteeism among workers and students.

It was indeed a flu much like the 1918 epidemic. The earliest victims were mostly older folk, but their deaths caused a real dent in the ranks of the county pioneers- including Mrs. Charles Mazzone (Carolina), born in 1859 and a resident of Walsenburg since 1877, Mrs. J.J. Bruce (Caroline), born in 1839 who came to La Veta in 1871, David Ezekiel Farr, born 1854 and the patriarch of the Farr brothers, and many others.

The good news was that martial law had ended and the state rangers re-

moved on March 4.

Now the newspaper could return to its real business, announcing births, marriages and deaths, construction projects, bake sales and baseball.

Whether it was good news or bad, the Walsenburg city council agreed to let the ladies of the Saturday Club use the old city jail for their public library. Good, because it was a free space; bad, because the building had been condemned.

Construction of the new bank, actually a remodeling of the former City Pharmacy, was nearing completion when marble was installed on the front. Third Street was scheduled to be extended "across the arroyo." The new addition underway at St. Mary School would accommodate some 300 more students [called pupils back then]. And the *Walsenburg World* would revert to a once-weekly instead of twice, due to a dearth of news.

The first ball game of the season apparently took place Sunday, March 25, between the Pictou Young Cubs and the Pictou Boy Scouts. The Cubs won, 16-0. This is sort of funny because the last basketball game of that season, reported on February 21, resulted in favor of Huerfano County High School over La Veta High by a score of 8-3. Nowadays we don't see baseball scores higher than basketball.

The Pictou Terrible Sluggers, champions of the county league in 1921, changed their name to the Toltec Murderer Wrecking Crew. The team included Mike and Johnny Bechaver, Alex Olsafsky, Steve "Peewee" Judisak, Johnny Zubal and Primo "Toby" Valdez.

Rattlesnake Buttes remained in the news when the World War I veterans threw a dance in the school house, and in the bad news when a wet and generous snow storm killed many calves, lambs and piglets.

Joe Bergamo got electricity in his home in Malachite and the Walsenburg Paving District was organized with the hiring of an engineering company. A group from Lions International spent several days in the city working to establish a branch for Walsenburg. The Doctors Lamme were rumored to be planning to build a hospital.

But the coal strike went on, and in fact, was intensifying. The rangers were returning.

Luckily, it was baseball season and all eyes were on the games. The "flu wave" was waning, business was returning to normal, and the babies just kept coming.

Let's Talk Trash

Part one in an ongoing series



by Kathy Carpenter

WALSENBURG — Walsenburg is a good place to live and work. We have many fine eating places, places of business, good health care available, and beautiful natural surroundings.

One thing lacking in our city is good waste disposal. Take a ride around the city and notice the large amounts of trash in some yards. Now, some yards look beautiful, almost pristine. But nearby you might see a yard with weeds, garbage bags, aluminum, plastic, tin, tires, old building materials. A yard with any amount of any of these things is considered an eyesore by other residents who have uncluttered yards.

The things about yards with trash is that it is illegal to collect trash even on private property. Folks like to say say, "It's my property and I can do what I want." Actually, this is not true. There are legal limits for this in the Walsen-

burg City Ordinances (Ord. 1022).

With this being said, the Huerfano County County Road Cleanup Committee LLC, has been cleaning up county roads for several years and discovered that the piles of trash dumped was identified as from Walsenburg households. The volunteers are now shifting focus to helping those in the city who need reminders and assistance in cleaning up their yards.

It is time to get this trash issue under control and call people to be responsible homeowners. The volunteers from this organization will be publishing articles on a regular basis to encourage all the citizens of Walsenburg to be aware of the seriousness of trash in their yards and learn about proper trash disposal options.

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THIS WEEK in History

by
Nancy
Christofferson

Walsenburg

1883: The copper mines on Pass Creek have been attracting interest in Custer County and merchants in Gardner and Malachite have been increasing their stocks of goods in anticipation.

1893: We hear at least 12,000 sheep are feeding on the prairie below Cucharas Junction where the grass is three inches tall.

1898: Monday's Gulf train didn't arrive until Tuesday because a blizzard fastened it in a snow drift in New Mexico.

1903: The slaughter house belonging to E.A. Lidle south of town caught fire Tuesday afternoon from a passenger engine and burned down.

1908: The Democrats polled only 229 votes in the three precincts in the town election and the Republicans 490 to reelect Mayor Dick over Fred G. Walsen, 612 to 263.

1913: Lost - - Somewhere between Skinner and Tioga, a folding go-cart. Return to the Pictou Livery Barn.

1918: A number of miners at the Ideal mine have moved out of camp to take up farming on their homesteads.

1923: The new owners of the Rex Theater, now called "the Rialto," will give a free Tom Mix movie and two comedies for children Saturday. The building has been thoroughly remodeled both outside and in, and has a new front.



1928: For a limited time we will give free a 20-piece breakfast set with each Hot Point Electric Percolator, specially priced at \$12.95, at Walsenburg Electric Supply Company, corner of Main and Sixth streets.

1933: The Alpine Rose Cafe and Klein Hotel have adorned the fronts of their buildings with new Neon signs from Walsenburg Electric.

1938: The first annual kite flying contest will be this Saturday at the county fairgrounds.

1943: Forty-two seniors from Gardner, Huerfano County and St. Mary high schools took the Army-Navy officer tests last Friday.

1948: Tom Ugolini will replace Joe Stimmack as the 1948 manager of Shosky's baseball team.

1953: A four-year-old Walsenburg girl died after being struck on the head when the swing set she was playing on collapsed.

1958: The menu for the benefit dinner for the St. Mary Quarterback Club in the school cafeteria will be fried chicken, spaghetti with sauce, vegetables, rolls, coffee and dessert. Adults, \$1.50, children under 12, 75 cents.

1963: Charles Gius is painting a sign on the north wall of the Huerfano County Chamber of Commerce building at Fifth and Main streets highlighting the activities of this area.

1968: William Card was elected president of the Huerfano County Teacher's Association, Donald Kynion, first vice president, Frances Magnino, second vice president, Joan Shade, secretary and Rachel Maldonado, treasurer.

1973: Top spellers at St. Mary School are Mitch Gordon, Lenore Maes, Donna DiMatteo, Gerald Quartiero, Joey Batuello and Loretta Bellotti.

1978: Walsenburg City Council signed a 10-year contract with San Isabel Electric Association for the purchase of power, and meantime, terminated 10 employees of the plant as of April 15. The city will shut down its power operations next Tuesday and offer an estimated 100 tons of excess coal stored at the plant for \$30 a ton.

1983: The \$1,020,000 bond issue for the extensive renovation of buildings and construction of additional classroom space was approved 438-307 by Huerfano School District Re-1 voters Tuesday. Close to 60 percent of registered voters turned out in Gardner. Total votes cast numbered 746.

1988: The fence around the former Pritchard Lumber Company on West Fifth Street opposite the courthouse, where the new county jail is to be built, is being removed for use at the Gardner dump.

1993: Re-1 School Board has targeted Washington School for closure in the 1992-93 school year to cut expenditures. The preschool through sixth graders will attend Walsenburg Middle School and the seventh and eighth graders will go to John Mall High School where student capacity is at 68 percent.

La Veta

1879: John C. Harris, rancher and gold miner of Silver Mountain and son of Uncle John, married Miss L.H. Patterson, both of La Veta.

1884: N. Hughes was elected Mayor and J.M. Hendricks Clerk and Recorder on the 3rd and they were sworn into office the 5th. Trustees are J.C. Goss, C.T. Ritchey, F.M. Fain and L.W. Burtch.

1889: Incumbents Mayor G.S. Thompson, Clerk Oliver Bemen and Treasurer William Krier were reelected to the town board.

1894: There was quite a gold excitement last week. Parties who were sinking a well in the corner of the park came upon some loose rock that showed the mineral and there was even talk of staking claims on Main Street.

1899: Two young men have opened a hot tamale emporium in the small building next to the Denver Saloon on Ryus Avenue.

1904: E.L. "Ed" Hazard has purchased a harness shop in Longmont and is moving his family there. He has subleased the Town Lake Ranch and the Hazard residence to Charles Phillips for the rest of the year.

1909: A total of 247 votes were cast in the town election Tuesday with 132 for remaining "wet" and 97 for going "dry."

1914: Captain and Mrs. Gideon White of Arkansas arrived to spend the summer with Mrs. White's brother Albert Parks and we are pleased to record that both are enjoying excellent health.

1919: The La Veta Baptist Church earned more than \$40 with the presentation of the Denver Woman's College Glee Club last Tuesday night. It was a very pleasing affair.

1924: People in town have been pasturing their milk cows on their lawns and shrubbery most of the winter but now they must keep the animals from being a public nuisance by order of the town board to enforce the loose stock ordinance.

1929: Elementary students will compete in the Every Pupil Scholarship Test

sponsored by the Kansas State Teachers College in Emporia.

1934: Mrs. Lilly Riggins and Mrs. Elsie Wagner, the Falk sisters who have been living in California, have returned to La Veta to make their homes.

1939: Died, C.E. Turner, 70, editor of the *La Veta Advertiser* for more than 40 years until his retirement in May 1936, died at his home in Glendale, California. He leaves his wife, the former Laura Spielmann, a native of La Veta, and their son Albert. When he was a student of Rugby College in England, his roommate was Neville Chamberlain.

1944: James B. Woody, formerly editor of the *Advertiser* as well as the *World-Independent*, has taken management of the *Rocky Ford Enterprise*.

1949: Louis Magnino this week bought the Railroad Park Service Station from Mr. and Mrs. Dean Allen.

1954: Coach Don Bone has set up seven games for the Redskin baseball season - Kim, Branson, Aguilar, Sopris, Primero, Rye and Hoehne.

1959: Jim and Bud Keeling are putting the finishing touches on Duncan Major's new house at Alamo.

1964: Mr. and Mrs. James Erwin and little Mark came home from Okinawa on March 19 after being stationed for 14 months there.

1969: Search parties Saturday finally reached the wreckage of a twin-engine plane, reported missing more than a week earlier, with six bodies aboard, on the West Spanish Peak. [Truth is stranger than fiction - 2 weeks later two were killed in a plane crash on La Veta Pass].

1974: Seniors on the honor roll for the third six-week period are Shirlee Engleman, Nola Long, Steve Aguirre, Rodney Falk, Beth Pene and Lane Drury. Sophomores on the list are Moses Aguirre, DeAnna Brgoch, Sheryl Falk, Paul Neldner and Malcolm Riggins.

1979: Don and Betty Vietti have purchased the Cuchara Chalet from Chuck and Dorothy McCart who recently moved to Walsenburg after buying a home there.

1984: The Knowledge Bowl team of Jerry Geiser, captain, Laura Burns, Kevin Turman and Chris Smith won first place in the Fisher Peak League Knowledge Bowl.

1989: After 40 years of beautifying La Veta, the Spanish Peaks Garden Club is forced to disband because of decreasing membership and lack of funds to maintain Francisco Fort Museum grounds, Town Park and the planters along Main Street. Among their many contributions to La Veta were the annual flower sales and the introduction to recycling programs.

1994: Pat McCollum and Liz Lotgering have purchased the former Warren Bay home at 409 South Oak Street.

Huerfano Wildlife Matters

Meet your new Colorado Parks and Wildlife officer Josh Bonar

by Josh Bonar

District Wildlife Manager, CPW

WALSENBURG/ LA VETA — Huerfano Wildlife Matters is back! But you likely don't recognize the mugshot attached to this month's column.

Let me introduce myself. My name is Josh Bonar, and I am the new District Wildlife Manager, or DWM, for Colorado Parks and Wildlife in Huerfano County.

Many people refer to us as "game wardens," but our agency officially dropped that title in 1954 because it doesn't reflect our education (we all have bachelor of science degrees in a biology field), or our status as fully certified law enforcement officers. We are more commonly known as wildlife officers.

As a DWM, my job is to protect and manage wildlife and natural resources of the state for the enjoyment of people now and in the future. My Walsenburg/La Veta district covers a large portion of Huerfano County from timberline to the plains.

My goal in "Huerfano Wildlife Matters" is to discuss topics of relevance regarding wildlife and the natural resources of this area. Let me tell you a little about myself.

I am a Colorado native who grew up in Colorado Springs. I spent most of my childhood outdoors, hunting, fishing and watching wildlife. I earned my wildlife biology degree at Fort Lewis College in Durango, where I worked several summers with CPW doing everything from fixing fences, to spawning fish and tracking bears. My experiences in those summer jobs inspired me to work permanently for CPW and become a DWM.

In 2021, I got hired on as a DWM candidate. I went through a year of training which included the Police Officer Standards and Training (POST) Academy, in addition to agency-specific training for my role of a wildlife officer.

Some of the classes were pretty fun, especially when we were training on boats, all-terrain-vehicles, or ATVs, and snowmobiles.

Part of the training included the use of horses to aid in hunting and fishing patrol, fish stocking and packing. The horse pack trip was an overnight training session leading into one of Colorado's wilderness areas.

Once the training was completed, I was sworn in as an officer (one of just 136 wildlife officers in the entire state) and assigned to begin my career covering the Walsenburg district, replacing Travis Sauder, who transferred to Teller County where he is their new DWM.

I hope to continue building on the relationships of land owners, residents, and stakeholders of Huerfano County just as previous officers have done.

It hasn't taken long for me to fall in love with the area. The people I have met and the sights I have seen



Josh Bonar, the new District Wildlife Manager, or DWM, for Colorado Parks and Wildlife in Huerfano County. Courtesy photo.

have all been amazing. From the few interactions I've had, I can tell this is a community that knows the value of the wildlife in the area and wants to help protect it. I want to do all I can to work with all of you to make sure this beautiful resource remains protected.

I have been impressed by the size and quality of the herds in this area. I've seen healthy herds of pronghorn out east and robust herds of 300-plus elk in the mountains to the west. I'm starting to think this district may have the most diverse habitat types in the state.

I cannot wait to see how it all flourishes in the spring as everything greens up, and fawns and calves start running around.

With spring upon us, and wildlife being born, we all need to be careful while we are out and about. I'll be the first to say that mule deer fawns may be the cutest animals around, but we need to keep our distance from them and their mothers when we see them.

Many people think that a baby animal has been abandoned if they don't immediately see the mother in the area. People often attempt to rescue baby wildlife thinking it's orphaned which often leads to the death of that animal. While their heart is in the

right place, people don't understand that they're doing more harm than good.

Female deer and elk often leave their young temporarily while feeding during the day until they are strong enough to stay with their mothers. Fawns and calf elk are born with a spotted coat that serves as camouflage to avoid being detected by predators and they are routinely cleaned by their mother to keep their scent low. If a fawn is taken from where the mother left it, they will often look for the fawn then leave the area if they cannot locate it.

CPW relies on scarce private rehabilitation facilities for fawn deer or calf elk. As a result, their survival rate is very low. So the outcome is bleak. The best thing to do if you suspect a young animal has been abandoned is to contact CPW. Often the mother will come back by the end of the day or even leave them for several days before returning to feed.

Handling young wildlife is not just harmful but illegal and dangerous for people. Deer and elk moms will do whatever it takes to protect their young. Deer and elk can raise up on their hind legs and kick anything they view as a threat to their young or themselves and have inflicted serious injuries on people and pets.

We also need to be mindful of our pets during the spring. If we live in an area that regularly has deer, we need to be mindful of when we let our dogs out to be sure there are no fawns hiding in the grass. Nobody wins when there is a conflict between a young animal and a pet. A quick walk through the taller grass in the yard before letting the dogs out could save a lot of issues later.

Along with fawns and calves being born, the warmer spring weather brings bears out of their slumber and back into our world. But we can talk more about bears next month.

The point is, we all enjoy seeing wildlife around our homes, that's part of the beauty of living in Colorado. We can all do our part to keep both ourselves and wildlife safe.

I also want you to know that I intend for this column to be a conversation with you, the reader. I value input from the people in the community. I need to hear from you so I can learn all about Huerfano County.

Wildlife is held in trust by the people of Colorado and belongs to all of you. As a state employee, I work for you so I want to hear what you have to say and think. Feel free to call me with any questions, comments or concerns. Your question could even show up in a future column.

You can email me at josh.bonar@state.co.us or call me at 719-989-1027. Thank you for welcoming me into this community and I am excited to see what the future holds.



John Mall's Vincent Bobian takes a swing during Tuesday's home doubleheader. Photo by Geri Ugolini-Craddock

JM DROPS HOME DOUBLEHEADER

Exclude a couple painful innings, and Panthers keep it close against tough Centauri squad

by Mark Craddock

WALSENBURG — If you exclude just one inning per game, the John Mall Panthers gave the Centauri Falcons all they could handle in a Tuesday afternoon, April 5, doubleheader at Walsenburg's Fiesta Park field.

Unfortunately, the game doesn't work that way.

John Mall lost both ends of the doubleheader, 22-7 and 18-1.

The first game started out as veritable batting practice for the Falcons, who racked up 17 unanswered runs in the first inning and a half.

But then the Panthers showed up.

John Mall loaded the bases in the bottom of the second and walked in its first run, behind a spate of wild pitches from Centauri's Coby Thomas. **Francisco Figueroa** smacked the ball deep, over the head of the center fielder, to score three more, and the Panthers ended the inning having matched Centauri point for point, 4-4.

"Come on, John Mall, let's make a rally right here, right now," Panther coach Carey Jones yelled from the third-base line.

His team obliged.

As the Falcons struggled with their pitching — with two pitching changes that inning alone — John Mall methodically put runners on base and brought them around for scores.

At the end of the third, John Mall had outgunned Centauri three runs to two.

Centauri outscored John Mall 3-0 in the fourth inning to bring the score to 22-7, and the game ended via mercy rule.

After a 15-minute break and a change of uniforms from gray to Panther Purple, John Mall took the field for game two.

Pitcher **Adrian Silva** and the Panthers defense sat down the first three Centauri batters, on a ground to second, a short pop-up to first and a high-bounce grounder to third. In the back half of the inning, Figueroa was hit by an Estevan Vega pitch, who promptly stole second. John Mall's **Domnick Gonzales** hit a fly to center but was thrown out trying to stretch the play to a double, advancing Figueroa to third. A grounder up the first-base line yielded an out, but scored Figueroa. The inning ended with John Mall on top 1-0.

But Centauri rallied in the second, scoring seven runs, with none for John Mall. The Panthers regrouped in the third, both teams went scoreless.

But in the fourth, Centauri mounted an indomitable run, racking up 11 unanswered points to end the game 18-1.

The losses place the Panthers at 0-5 on the season, and 0-0 against 2A/1A Santa Fe League opponents.



John Mall will see its first home league action on Friday, April 8, in a doubleheader at Fiesta Park. Game times are 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

JOHN MALL vs CENTAURI: Game 1

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
John Mall	0	4	3	0	-	-	-	7	1	0
Centauri	13	4	2	3	-	-	-	22	13	2

JOHN MALL vs CENTAURI: Game 2

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
John Mall	1	0	0	0	-	-	-	1	-	-
Centauri	0	7	0	11	-	-	-	18	-	-

Afer a rough first inning, Panther **Dominic Perrino** finds his groove on the mound during a Tuesday home doubleheader against the Centauri Falcons. Photo by Geri Ugolini-Craddock

LA VETA ON THE WRONG END OF 21-17 SLUGFEST

by Mark Craddock

LA VETA — The La Veta Redhawks were on the wrong end of a slugger's paradise last Friday against the Springfield Longhorns, a game in which both teams racked up 11 hits, but the Longhorns managed to convert their batting into a 21-17 win.

Friday's matchup was a home game for La Veta, but the game was moved to Trinidad's Central Park field because of poor field conditions in La Veta, a result of last week's snowstorms, Redhawks' Principal and Athletic Director Chris Locke said.

Freshman **Camron Cortez** led the slugfest for La Veta, scoring four runs off three hits in his five plate appearances. Freshman **Matthew Gonzales** scored four runs off two hits, with five plate appearances. Sophomore **Brayden Nix** added three runs to the scoreboard, with two hits on five plate appearances. Nearly every member of the squad contributed hits and runs to the tally.

But the Longhorns' bats were just a bit hotter.

Five La Veta pitchers saw action, with Sophomore **Dante Gonzales**, Senior **Sam Montalbano** and Freshman **Landon Ozzello** each racking up a strikeout amid a flurry of hits and runs. Ozzello pitched 2.2 innings, while Sophomore **Brayden Nix** pitched 1.1 inning and took the loss.

The game put the Redhawks at 4-6 overall, with a 1-1 record in 1A District 4.

WORTH ITS WEIGHT IN ... WEIGHT

Trinidad High weight room receives donation from generous alum

by David J. Santistevan Jr.

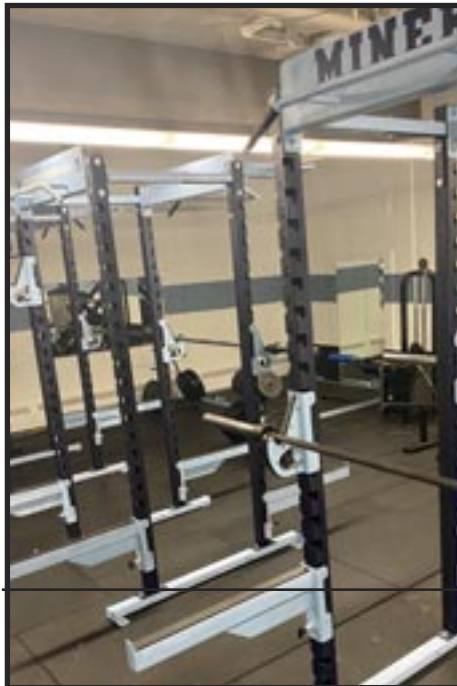
TRINIDAD — Sometimes a very simple conversation after a basketball practice, or talking among coaches coming back on a long bus drive after road basketball games, can quickly turn into a benefit for students and athletes.

This was the case for the Trinidad High School Athletic Department when athletic director/head boys basketball coach Lawrence Sandoval and Lady Miners Head Volleyball/Basketball Coach Ashleigh Ackerman were chatting about the needs of the school's athletic department on a bus trip home after a game.

Ackerman, a Trinidad High School graduate, decided to approach her sister Payden (also a THS alum) and brother-in-law Eric Goldberg for help. The Goldbergs live in Colorado Springs, and were in the process of selling their gym business and equipment. Ackerman asked if the high school program could purchase some of the excess equipment, and the Goldbergs decided instead to donate the equipment to Payden's alma mater.

According to Sandoval, the Goldbergs donated six power racks, two squatting platforms, five barbells, three youth barbells, one glute-hamstring developer, and eight 45-pound bumper plates, with total value of about \$8,000.

Sandoval also told the *World Journal* that within a week, the donated equipment arrived. The following weekend, Sandoval, Ackerman, facilities manager Jeff Royball, assistant coach Lloyd Praedel, head wrestling coach Adam Ortez, Trinidad police officers Josh



Recently the Trinidad High School weight room received a major upgrade after alumni **Payden and Eric Goldberg** donated \$8,000 in new equipment to the program. Photo by David J. Santistevan, Jr.

Huey and Hugo Snyder, along with members of the Ackerman, Goldberg and Sandoval families all helped out with welding and putting fresh new coats of paint on the donated weight room equipment.

Sandoval added, "Ashleigh got the ball rolling on this project, and to have it come to fruition in such a short amount of time is amazing. We couldn't have done it without the support of a small, yet committed group."

Sandoval ended by saying, "This was a wonderful gift to our students and through our athletic budget we have ordered new uniforms, benches that will arrive in the next few weeks, some more safety equipment, more dumbbells, weight belts for the students as well as other equipment. I would really like to thank Coach Ackerman who really got the ball rolling to get the equipment through our conversations, to Mr. Royball and everyone who helped out, and of course, a very huge thank you and shout out to Payden and Eric Goldberg who donated this great gift to our students."

"This is a huge win for all students in Trinidad School District #1. It is more than an equipment upgrade; this is an investment in the next generation of Miners," Ackerman told the *World Journal*. "The vision and dedication of Lawrence Sandoval has been instrumental to this and a variety of improvements across all programs at THS this year," she said.

The renovation comes on the heels of enhancements such as new uniforms for nearly all programs at Trinidad's middle and high schools and the purchase of a state-of-the-art shoot-away shooting machine. Since the completion of this phase of the project, THS has had two more community members offer donations."

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Las Animas and Colfax Counties

Primerio Schools short about \$1.5 million on property tax, school has to do budget shuffle

by Bill Knowles
TRINIDAD — The Las Animas County commission heard from Primerio Schools superintendent Blake Byall who reported that a business in the school's tax district has failed to pay its property taxes resulting in a \$1.5 million shortfall, during the regular county commission meeting.

"Our lawyers have no experience with this, no precedence where you have a business operating in the community that continues to not pay its taxes," Mr. Byall said. "My experience is that the company's assets are seized and sold off to pay for the taxes."

Byall told the county commissioners that the school district wasn't to that point yet.

But the shortfall is causing problems with the school in paying its bond debt. The amount of tax funds deposited have fallen short and are not going to cover the bond payment. Voters approved the bond about five-years ago. It was used for improvements to the school district.

The school district may have to move funds from the general fund account to cover the bond payments. This shuffle of funds will impact other areas of the district's operation.

The shortfall of \$1.5 million was confirmed by county assessor Jodi Amato who said the amount was current as of April 1, 2022.

The county treasurer, Donna Leonetti has the power to place a lien on the first purchase of coal bed methane from Ogris by anyone. That money will be used to make whole those districts who have been injured due to lack of tax funding related to the delinquent taxes.

Ogris purchased the property from Timber Creek who had purchased the property from XTO when ExxonMobil decided to get out of the coal bed methane business in southern Colorado.

Amato said that on April 15 she will meet with Ogris for a discussion on the value of their taxes next year.

Byall said the Primerio School Dis-

trict will follow its own legal process.

ACTIONS TAKEN

The union contract between the county and its unionized workers was approved with a 3-0 vote.

Kim Chavez, the county's human resources manager, said it was back and forth with the union and discussion with the county commissioners looked at cleaning up some of the language to make the contract more grammatically correct.

Commissioner Luis Lopez made the motion to approve the contract with commissioner Tony Hass making the second.

The county commission also denied a letter of support to the City of Trinidad who was going after a GOCO grant. The grant was to be used by the partners involved with the development of Fishers Peak State Park.

Even though the grant was to specifically be used for the covering on shortfalls in DOLA grants. Commissioner Felix Lopez felt that the target for

the grant funding wasn't very well defined. "It is a little bit troublesome when you say yes to something that hasn't been approved by the other entities," Felix Lopez said.

"To me it looks like they've submitted the letter already," said commissioner Tony Hass. "And that's backwards."

"Has anyone from the city had a discussion with us?" Commissioner Luis Lopez said that he wasn't happy with that.

"It feels like an 11th hour move," said commissioner Hass. And commissioner Luis Lopez agreed with that assessment.

Commissioner Luis Lopez moved that the request for a letter of support for the grant be denied. Commissioner Hass made the second. The denial passed 3-0.

There was no one representing the city at the county commission meeting.

The county commission went into executive session at 11:30 a.m.

Fox Theatre restoration discovers additional asbestos problem while cleaning out piping

by Bill Knowles
TRINIDAD — A third change order for the Fox West Theatre restoration was approved by the Trinidad City Council with a 7-0 vote after workers for BluSky Restoration ran into an additional asbestos issue while cleaning asbestos lined steam piping in the ballroom of the theatre.

It was discovered by the restoration contractor as they were removing asbestos from old steam pipes. The asbestos covering the steam piping had disintegrated in several places over the years and fallen into the crawl space dirt floor.

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's regulations require that two inches of asbestos contaminated soil will have to be removed and disposed of at a certified landfill.

The cost for the clean-up is estimated to be \$62,401. The funds will come out of an EPA grant the city had received for the asbestos clean-up.

The grant award was for \$500,000 and the project was originally budgeted for \$385,043. The change order raises the contract amount to \$447,444.

The Trinidad Triggers will be moving the storage of beer sold at the games from the Central Park concessions area to an off-site storage area in a Conex storage container in a unlicensed marijuana business area at Trinidad's Higher Calling U.

There are state regulations governing the storage of alcohol in the same place marijuana is stored but since the area the beer will be stored in is unlicensed and marijuana can't be stored in the container, according to the city, it's okay to store the brews at Higher Calling U until game time.

The contract is for the Triggers baseball season running from May 2022 to August 2022. The rent is set at \$150 per month.

The contract is between Robert Schultz, the owner of the Conex Storage Container and the Pecos League of Professional Baseball Clubs, LLC. Kimberly Schultz is signed as the agent for the lessee, the Pecos League of Professional Baseball Clubs, LLC.

The permit to store beer in the Conex Storage Container on the property of Trinidad's Higher Calling U was approved by the city council with a 7-0 vote.

A first reading of an ordinance amending the city's alcoholic beverages festivals passed with a 7-0 vote. But some members of city council felt the ordinance was unclear in what it was written to accomplish.

Council member Aaron Williamson said that the ordinance needed more development.

What the city hoped the ordinance would do is regulate alcohol beverage festivals. In September 2021 the legislature changed the

state law to allow alcohol festivals. The ordinance is intended to complement the state law and chapters 3 and 21 of the municipal code.

The ordinance allows for the permitting of a festival event by a holder of an alcohol license.

But there isn't any language that describes how many licensees can get together to hold a festival or even what kind of festivals are permitted.

Council member Erin Ogletree, during discussion, said she thought the ordinance was for alcohol licensees, "This is unclear," she said. "I can't tell who it's for or for what reasons."

The first reading passed with a 7-0 vote of the council even though some council members voiced concern that the ordinance is unclear in its language and intent.

The city council meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Nuisance property citation program a success

by Sharon Niederman
RATON — According to Jo Greene, who heads up the property violation citation program for the City of Raton,

"We feel the process has been successful."

Since the program was enacted in April, 2021, well over 500 "notice of violation" letters

have been sent to property owners the city deems neglected, Greene says. As a result, over 300 properties have been cleaned up, contributing to the goal of enhancing the appearance and safety of the city.

"Less than a dozen protests" have been received by the city, Greene says. As a result, some violations were cleared with the provision of additional information.

Ironically, one nuisance letter led to a Colorado developer coming to scout out some properties here to build a small subdivision, Greene says.

"Instead of sitting on properties that are deteriorating, we are seeing a great movement to revitalize more businesses and houses," Greene says.

New interstate from Laredo to Raton

by Sharon Niederman
OUR WORLD — While still in the planning stage, the 835 miles between Laredo, Texas and Raton, NM is on the verge of becoming a four-lane federal highway. I-27 will generally follow US 87 from the border between Texas and New Mexico to Raton, known locally as "the Clayton Road," where it will link with I-25.

This new Ports-to-Plains corridor will receive initial funding through the appropriation bill signed by President Joe Biden on March 15, 2022. It is projected construction will create 178,000 construction jobs as well as 17,000 long-term employment positions and provide a stimulus to tourism and freight transport while benefiting energy and agriculture industries.

According to Travis Martinez, public information officer for NM Department of Transportation, two construc-



tion options are on the table. Option 1 is estimated to cost \$219 million, while option 2 would run \$1.3 billion. Both options include

construction of a bypass around Clayton. Martinez believes construction will start in Laredo, Texas, and make its way up to New Mexico.

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TSD1 delays consolidation decision, hires consulting firm Fishers Peak Elementary's fate hanging in the balance

by Ruth Stodghill
TRINIDAD — It was a packed house at the March 30 Trinidad School District RE-1 regular board meeting, with the fate of Fishers Peak Elementary hanging in the balance as the district weighed several consolidation plans.

It seemed as if those at the helm anticipated how hotly contested making a final decision would be, as they opened the meeting with a change to the agenda – removing consolidation from the list of action items, and replacing it with a plan to hire a consulting firm to tackle the issue.

The Trinidad School District currently has three buildings in use: Fishers Peak Elementary, Trinidad Middle School, and Trinidad High School. With shrinking enrollment during the past decade, the capacity of these buildings far exceeds the number of students in seats; the potential occupancy of the three schools is roughly 1,700 while enrollment is closer to 800.

During public comments, parents shared concerns over consolidation and the possibility of younger students mingling with older children. Others shared frustration with the move to again table a consolidation vote.

Veteran educator and retired Trinidad High School teacher/counselor Louis Rino told the board, "I hope that whatever you do, you seek out genuine input from the largest pool of individuals you can. Whatever decision

you make, I'm sure you will do it by taking the best interests of the stakeholders into account."

Board member Ed Romero briefly engaged in a tense back-and-forth with Trinidad resident Paul Sandoval regarding an apparent lack of transparency regarding consolidation plans. Sandoval shared concerns that the decision to consolidate was being made without sufficient input from the community, while Romero countered that strategic planning committee meetings have been held regarding the issue since 2016, meetings which have been open to the public.

Former school board member Paul Montera also spoke: "It is nice to see so many people here tonight showing an interest in working on this together. When you mentioned the consultant, the more I thought about that, I think that will be positive, because it takes the emotion out of the decision, and we can just look at the data and what the data tells us."

During district updates, facilities director Jeff Roybal shared updates with the board regarding the high school BEST grant. "We didn't make much progress with the project, due to a lack of availability of construction materials like boilers and electrical. We are getting started with work on the roof at the high school and caulking of the high school gym."

Superintendent Bonnie Aaron

shared a number of positives happening in the district this year. For example, the school district is partnering with Salud Dental as well as Health Solutions for outreach services for students. Trinidad Middle School is also participating in an intervention program aimed at providing support to students at risk of expulsion. The district has also recently hired a truancy reduction specialist to work with at-risk students.

Aaron then shared the sobering reality that the district is facing regarding teacher recruitment and retention. This is hardly a local issue, as the growing teacher shortage is a nationwide phenomenon. She gave information regarding state-sponsored programs designed to facilitate moving new educators into classrooms where they are desperately needed.

Following staff reports, the board went into executive session to discuss, among other matters, the sale of district property, namely the decommissioned Eckhart Elementary School and Sanders Field. When the board returned from executive session, they added an action item to the agenda, to consider an offer made on the purchase of Sanders Field by Trinidad State College.

In action items, the board approved a number of financial resolutions, including the payment of bills and payroll, an invoice for Trinidad State

College, and a Safety Vision proposal, and I Station Quotes for Fisher's Peak Elementary and Trinidad Middle School.

Regarding personnel, the board approved resolutions to renew the district's administrators and central office staff, as well as a June 30 employment end date for current IT Director Ron Martin.

The board passed the following resolutions in new business: the approval of the THS Online Program Planning and Course Guide and Student Handbook for 2022-2023; a student expulsion; the approval of a number of CASB policies; the approval of a partnership and terms of service acknowledgment/agreement with Colorado Digital Learning Solutions; the approval of the decommissioning of several district school buses; the approval of changing the entrance age requirement for admission to kindergarten to June 1; and the approval of a letter of intent for the purchase of Sanders Field by TSC for \$45,000.

After these action items, the school board engaged in a spirited discussion with staff/administration present in the audience regarding the status of the school district's mask mandate. With districts across the region and state dropping their masking requirements, the board decided to make the mask mandate for staff and students optional moving forward.

Happy 90th Birthday to Raton's Ben Palomino



Presiding over the cutting of a giant sheet cake, Ben Palomino and his caretaker, Sandra Trvz, celebrate the big day. Photo by Sharon Niederman

by Sharon Niederman

RATON — K-Bob's in Raton was the scene on March 31, 2022, where several dozen friends gathered to wish longtime Ratonian Ben Palomino a happy 90th birthday. When asked his advice about making it to age 90, Palomino replied, "Only the good die young."

Born in Dawson, hailing from a family of ten children, Palomino worked as a coal miner for 30 years and still lives in his childhood home. As an active athlete, he was known for his football playing, and his friends say he knows everyone in town. Despite suffering from black lung disease, he still wears a smile and has a twinkle in his eye.

Happy Birthday, Ben Palomino and many more!

Booster 2.0: not so fast

by Sharon Niederman

COLFAX — Think you're ready to receive that second approved COVID booster?

If it's been at least five months since you received your first booster, technically speaking, you are.

However, not everyone is eligible to receive the latest vaccine. In Colfax County, only those who are over age 50 and immuno-compromised will be able to "get the shot."

If you fit that demographic, the second booster can be found at the NM Department of Health, 226 E. 4th St., Raton, on Fridays only. The office is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. with a break for lunch from 12 to 1 p.m. Only those with appointments made at Cvfvaccine.nmhealth.org may be boosted. The vaccine is free at this location.

In addition, La Familia Primary Care is offering the second booster to those over 50 who are immuno-compromised on a walk in basis. However, the cost will depend on an individual's insurance coverage.

La Familia is open Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the vaccine.

As to a second booster for the rest of us, Colfax County Emergency Services Director Tom Vigil says he has not yet received any instructions from the state. Most likely, though, clinics will not be held as they were for previous vaccines.

Hoehne FFA Meet the Member



Alex Mattorano. Photo courtesy Jace Rogers

by Jace Rogers, Hoehne FFA Reporter

HOEHNE — Alex Mattorano is a senior at Hoehne High School. He is not an officer, but does almost every competition he's able to do and shows up to every meeting he can.

Alex said his goals for FFA are to win as many competitions as he can, and hopefully teach younger generations how to win competitions.

Alex has not been around Ag, but was introduced through FFA, which is a main goal of FFA. Alex stated he would encourage any younger generations to join, because of the opportunities you can receive and the friends you can make through the association.

Alex's favorite FFA memory was his trip to Albuquerque, New Mexico for a competition where he had to give a speech about a local rancher's land and how he is managing it. Alex received this opportunity by placing well in the State Range Competition and was randomly selected to give this speech.

Alex no longer has any extracurricular activities, but he did do track and basketball his freshman year of high school. He is planning to go to college at the University of Wyoming, to study Rangeland Ecology. These studies will help him to achieve his dream of becoming a conservationist or work for NRCS.

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December 2021

13840 Hwy 350, 2BA, retail building, 15500 sq ft, 2 acres, Trinidad \$935,000
 310 E 2nd St, 5BR, 5BA, 4467 sq ft, 0.35 acres, Trinidad \$699,000
 33161 Fisher Peak Parkway, 2BR, 2BA, 3588 sq ft, 35.13 acres, Trinidad \$490,000
 33130 Gallinas Parkway, 3BR, 2BA, 1978 sq ft, 35 acres, Trinidad \$470,000
 15574 Picketwire Rd, land only, 191.21 acres, Trinidad \$450,000
 101 Simpson Dr, 3BR, 2BA, 1886 sq ft, 0.34 acres, Trinidad \$389,000
 33036 Westwood Dr, Unit 6 lot C55, 2BR, 2BA, 1274 sq ft, 35.1 acres, Trinidad \$365,000
 301 W. Baca St, 4BR, 2BA, 2683 sq ft, 0.3 acres, Trinidad \$365,000
 413 Riata Dr, 3BR, 2BA, 1910 sq ft, 1.91 acres, Trinidad \$359,000
 14040 Picketwire Rd, 1BR, 1BA, 1618 sq ft, 127 acres, Trinidad \$340,000
 620 W. Topeka Ave, 3BR, 2BA, 3181 sq ft, 0.5 acres, Trinidad \$294,000
 1 Hough Ln, 4BR, 2BA, 2128 sq ft, 0.11 acres, Trinidad \$280,000
 2641 Cuchara St, 5BR, 3BA, 2256 sq ft, Trinidad \$270,000
 821 W Kansas Ave, 3BR, 2BA, 1876 sq ft, Trinidad \$249,000
 1527 Mississippi St, 3BR, 2BA, 1624 sq ft, 0.14 acres, Trinidad \$227,000
 1200 E Main St, 2BR, 1BA, 3194 sq ft, 0.31 acres, Trinidad \$224,000
 513 W Colorado Ave, 3BR, 1BA, 1364 sq ft, 0.147 acres, Trinidad \$220,000
 1201 Nevada Ave, 3BR, 1BA, 1148 sq ft, 0.14 acres, Trinidad \$202,000
 409 S. Spruce St, 2BR, 1BA, 1140 sq ft, 0.15 acres, Trinidad \$200,000
 14891 CR 26.5, 2BR, 2BA, 1152 sq ft, 35.42 acres, Trinidad \$188,000
 308 E 1st St, 3BR, 2BA, 2208 sq ft, 0.21 acres, Trinidad \$180,000
 1301 Buena Vista St, 2BR, 2BA, 1702 sq ft, 0.21 acres, Trinidad \$169,900
 TBD Vista West Dr #39, land only, 35.05 acres, Trinidad \$150,000
 23400 Apishipa Ln #36, land only, 35 acres, Aguilar \$120,000
 1522 Mississippi St, 2BR, 1BA, 1159 sq ft, Trinidad \$120,000
 1817 San Pedro Ave, 3BR, 2BA, 1344 sq ft, 0.2 acres, Trinidad \$117,500
 33024 Ponderosa Ridge Dr, land only, 35.11 acres, Trinidad \$110,000
 122 S Gordon St, 4BR, 2BA, 1326 sq ft, 0.13 acres, Trinidad \$110,000

January 2022

33449 Gallinas, 3BR, 3BA, 2823 sq ft, 35.33 acres, Trinidad \$675,000
 32203 Oso Canyon Rd, 4BR, 3BA, 3000 sq ft, 39.55 acres, Trinidad \$550,000
 33039 Antelope Run, 2BR, 2BA, 1922 sq ft, 35 acres, Trinidad \$478,000
 13254 South Point Rd, 5BR, 2BA, 2816 sq ft, 35.23 acres, Weston \$399,000
 14755 Pinon Pine Ln, 3BR, 3BA, 35.99 acres, Trinidad \$379,500
 2664 Espinoza St, 3BR, 3BA, 2549 sq ft, 0.15 acres, Trinidad \$330,000
 14040 Pando Canyon Breaks, 2BR, 1BA, 850 sq ft, 37.36 acres, Weston \$285,000
 TBD Lillie Ln, land only, 35.99 acres, Weston \$274,000
 12402 State Hwy 12, 4BR, 2BA, 2.05 acres, Trinidad \$270,000
 835 Robinson Ave, 3BR, 2BA, 1537 sq ft, Trinidad \$263,500
 Unassigned I-25 exit 11, land only, 0.93 acres, Trinidad \$250,000
 904 Baltimore Ave, 3BR, 1BA, 1247 sq ft, 0.21 acres, Trinidad \$230,000
 808 Arakaraw St, 4BR, 3BA, 2610 sq ft, 0.16 acres, Trinidad \$229,000
 154 E Church, 3BR, 1BA, 1836 sq ft, Aguilar \$220,000
 11 H Spruce St, 4BR, 3BA, 1536 sq ft, 0.11 acres, Trinidad \$200,000
 19500 Constanti Ridge Rd, Unit 2, land only, 35.16 acres, Weston \$170,000
 1413 N. Linden Ave, 1BR, 1BA, 1040 sq ft, 0.16 acres, Trinidad \$165,000
 12500 CR 24.6, land only, 70 acres, Trinidad \$160,000
 1317 Nevada Ave, 3BR, 1BA, 1080 sq ft, Trinidad \$150,000
 508 S. Oak St, 3BR, 1BA, 1256 sq ft, 0.15 acres, Trinidad \$135,000
 Silver Spruce Circle, land only, 107.5 acres, Weston \$129,060
 TBD Moores Canyon Rd, land only, 2.28 acres, Trinidad \$125,000
 Sunrise Dr lot # 128, land only, 38.82 acres, Aguilar \$60,000
 1087 Rancho La Garita #9, land only, 13 acres, Bon Carbo \$57,100

2022 Raton High School HOBY Representatives: Giana Marez and Jacob Mattorano



Jacob Mattorano and Giana Marez will represent Raton High School in Denver at a state leadership seminar. Photo by Lynette Simpson

by Lynette M. Simpson, MA
 Counselor
 Raton High School

RATON — Raton High School is pleased to announce that Giana Marez and Jacob Mattorano will be representing RHS at the 2022 Colorado HOBY Leadership Seminar that will be held in Denver, Colorado on the University of Denver Campus.

The Hugh O'Brien Youth's (HOBY) flagship program, the State Leadership Seminar is designed to help high school sophomores to recognize their leadership talents and apply them to become effective, ethical leaders in their home, school, workplace and community. The seminar curriculum is based on the Social Change Model of Leadership and develops leadership from three perspectives: Personal Leadership, Group Leadership, and Leadership for Society.

Giana and Jacob will attend a three-day seminar and participate in hands-on leadership activities, meet other youth leaders, and explore their own personal leadership skills while learning how to lead others and make a positive impact in their community.

Giana is the daughter of Michael and Jamie Marez. Jacob is the son of Michael and Margaret Ann Mattorano.

Congratulations Giana and Jacob!

Raton Police Blotter

April 5, 2022
 ARRESTS

Amirysa Archuleta (18 – Maxwell); – Battery against a household member.

Cameron Atencio (20 – Raton); – Battery against a household member.

Jordan Garcia (28 – Raton) ;– Battery against a household member.

NON-TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS

Wilfred Vigil (Raton) – Unreasonable noise.

April 4, 2022
 ARRESTS

Evelia Granado (19 – Raton); - Minor in possession of alcohol.

NON-TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS

Athena Morrow (Raton); - Shoplifting.

April 1, 2022
 ARRESTS

Jordan Brown (23 – Commerce City, CO); Denver County Colorado fugitive warrant for violating terms of release in that the of-

fender failed to appear for a charge of burglary.

NON-TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS

Azariah Blaubach (Raton); – Unreasonable noise.
 George Aguirre Jr. – (Raton); - Shoplifting.

Information in the Raton Police Beat is provided by the administrative office of the Raton, NM Police Department. All suspects are afforded the presumption of innocence unless convicted. Arrest charges may be changed and formal charges against any suspect are decided by the district attorney.



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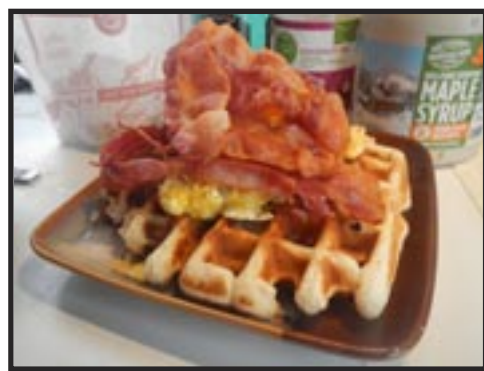


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NEW BUSINESS

A waffle lot of goodies coming to the Foodcourt at the Marketplace



A small sampling of the many waffle options coming to the Trinidad Waffle Company this month. *Photos courtesy James Fogerty.*

by Helena Cappon

TRINIDAD — The Trinidad Waffle Company is one of the next businesses scheduled to open in the Food Court at the Marketplace, located at 326 N. Commercial St. James Fogerty, owner and operator, has spent years in the food service industry, as well as being an artist and painter. Originally from Pennsylvania, Fogerty moved to Colorado in 2005, and spent years living in Aspen, Denver, and other places. Eventually, he moved on to southern Colorado, and fell for the artist community, and the beauty of the area. He estimates putting almost 12,000 miles on his car

in his first year in Trinidad, all by exploring the pristine landscape in every direction.

Through his plethora of experiences in the food industry, Fogerty realized the potential for a unique and creative establishment, and knew the small-business oriented town of Trinidad would be just the place to set up shop. In a matter of weeks, Fogerty will be opening his doors and serving a classic in an innovative way. The menu will feature both savory and sweet waffle options that can be served cubed up in a cup, or filled and stuffed with a selection of goodies, or classically on a

plate. For many folks, this may be the first time they have seen a waffle as a casual and easily portable option. From a simple Belgian waffle, to cornbread waffles, to a Philly cheesesteak style, to various fruits and other toppings, The Trinidad Waffle Company plans on a menu full of any waffle fanatic's wildest fantasies.

Fogerty will be serving up his unique creations using custom-made cast iron waffle irons built in Belgium, using organic and/or locally sourced and often farm to table ingredients like pork products hailing from local Rise and Shine Ranch out of Colorado

Springs. As Fogerty puts it, "these will be as healthy as a waffle can be." He also plans on gluten free and vegan options, in addition to other menu items like smoothies and potentially a house-made kombucha as well. Eventually, Fogerty would like to also sell take home products like preserves, waffle mix, and more.

To follow The Trinidad Waffle Company's progress and stay updated on when they will open, follow them on Instagram @trinidadwafflecompany. Otherwise, lookout for them in the Food Court at the Marketplace this April.

NEW BUSINESS

Trinidad Roasting Company: A new spot for handmade treats opening soon

by Helena Cappon

TRINIDAD — The Wing Pit owners Beth and Andrew Stevens are in the process of opening Trinidad Roasting Company, a coffee and treat shop located in the same building as The Wing Pit in the Food Court at the Marketplace. Located at 326 N. Commercial St, The Food Court at the Marketplace is currently and continuously filling with unique local businesses offering a wide variety of options.

Hopefully this month, the Trinidad Roasting Company will be opened, and one may visit the Marketplace for coffee, snacks, handmade treats, and venture further into the Food Court for The Wing Pit and more.

The variety of available options at the Marketplace will make this eclectic space perfect for the typical family and/or roadtrippers who may all have a taste for something different.

Beth and Andrew Stevens have been married for seven years, and made the move to Colorado a few years ago from Michigan.

Beth worked as a corrections officer, with shifts often lasting 16 to 18 hours, and felt she spent too much time away from her growing family and wanted to make a change.

Andrew worked as a fire chief and supervisor for armed security at a college, and always wanted to move to Colorado; the two did their research and landed in Trinidad.

After Beth worked at the prison for two and a half years, the two began dreaming of something new. Andrew applied for a position with the Raton PD, and Beth considered the potential of having to live and work across state lines with a longer commute.

One day, the two went to Mario's Tacos at the Marketplace, and started dreaming about the empty slot available for another food place. The day their loan came through to start their food industry venture, was the day Andrew was offered the job at the Raton PD. The two took a leap, and started the Wing Pit knowing that locals in the area missed the previ-



The 500g Mill City Roaster stands at attention, mounted and ready to start churning out local coffee in the coming months. *Photo courtesy Trinidad Roasting Company*

ous wing place that closed a few years ago.

Opened during the pandemic on Dec. 12, 2020, the Wing Pit was not without its challenges, but overall did thrive in its location in the Marketplace.

After watching another unit in the building be passed over by other potential vendors, the Stevens decided they would take another chance, this time on a venture Andrew has a personal connection to and passion for, and started building the Trinidad Roasting Company.

Currently under construction, the Trinidad Roasting Company is projected to have a wide open concept where folks can watch their coffee roasting,

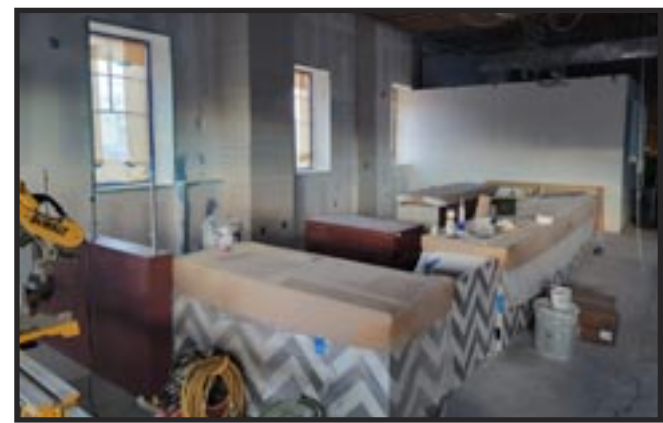
handmade fudge folding, bagels and donuts being prepared, and so much more.

The Stevens have spent countless hours meticulously fine-tuning their recipes until they found the perfect ones, and their mastery of the complex art of baking at high altitude is showing through in each bite of their scrumptious menu items.

The couple donates any day-old items around the community, and also plan on collaborating with local businesses to offer special coffee blends in packaging that pertains to the local business as a fun, unique and local way to promote oneself; one step further than a tshirt with a logo or a bumper sticker.

One may follow their progress on construction and stay in the loop on their Facebook page @trinidadroasting or Trinidad Roasting Company; The Wing Pit is also currently serving donuts and bagels so you can get your fix now before Trinidad Roasting Company opens.

To have your business featured in the WJ, contact Debi at debi.worldjournal.com or call 719-738-1415



Construction is underway and almost completed in the Food Court at the Marketplace for one of their latest tenants, Trinidad Roasting Company. *Photo courtesy Trinidad Roasting Company*

New Trinidad-Las Animas County Chamber of Commerce Director

by David J. Santistevan Jr.

TRINIDAD — The Trinidad & Las Animas County Chamber of Commerce (TLACC) is moving fast in a new direction with a new board of directors. To assist in that move, the board hired a new executive director, Amy Navarette, a lifelong resident of Las Animas County.

Navarette graduated from Hoehne High School in 2002 where she participated in volleyball, basketball, and ag programs, of which she said, "FFA/4-H is such an amazing program for kids. It taught me about responsibility, hard work and dedication." Navarette added, "I encourage parents to sign their children up... the values they'll learn will help them along on life's long journey."

Navarette has two children attending Branson Schools, Peyton who is 13, and 8 year old Cole. Her parents, Anthony and Chris Ruscetti, are also lifelong residents of this area.

Two members of the chamber's board of directors gave additional insight on why they chose Navarette. Jerry Peters told the *World Journal*, "Amy is dependable, thorough and works well with our TLACC members and board." And Jay Gonzales, who is also a local business owner and family man, said "Amy's the largest part of the chamber's transformation. Her hard work will be a huge factor in the TLACC's success moving forward."

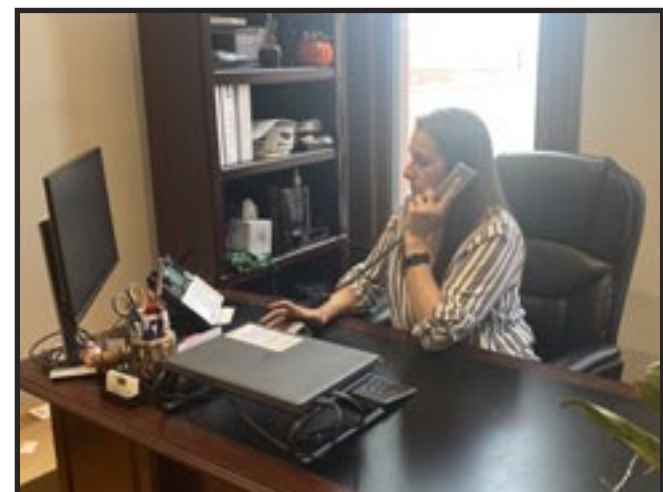
For her part, Navarette told the *World Journal*, "I am excited about this new and wonderful opportunity." She said, "In this new position I want to see

Trinidad and Las Animas County grow. The past two years have been very hard on our community and our businesses. I really want to see everyone and all of our local business grow and succeed." "My goal since getting the position in January of 2022 is create a way through the TLACC to help local and small business get back on their feet, grow and move into the future. We are a small community and we want to see everyone, including our members, succeed. We want to present more opportunities for everyone. As for the Chamber helping business, I would like to see what our business think, what the community thinks on how the chamber can help them and what the chamber can do for them. The chamber wants to talk, listen and work with everyone."

The chamber was established to develop, encourage, promote and protect the commercial, professional, financial and general welfare of the community and its residents; to promote the City of Trinidad and the County of Las Animas in the areas of tourism, economic development, and the retail sector; to promote community relations and programs of civic nature for the betterment of the community; to inform the public of local, state and national matters of interest or value to them; and to foster strong community spirit and mutually cooperative atmosphere in which to live and conduct business.

The chamber's mission is to promote the area as an outstanding place to visit, live, and conduct business.

The TLACC is looking for new members, and looking to get back past members as well. They also



Amy Navarette shown here working at her desk was recently hired to be the new executive director of the Trinidad/ Las Animas County Chamber. *Photo by David J. Santistevan Jr.*

are looking for more ambassadors more person to volunteer to reach out to business and the community in general.

For more information call Amy at 719-845-7675, email her at amy.navarette@tlaccchamber.org, visit the website at www.tlaccchamber.org or go by the new office located in the Chambers Center building, at 137 North Commercial St. on the second floor, Suite 204.