

It's that time again...



It seems like only yesterday, but once again a new political season got underway last week, with both major parties holding caucuses in anticipation of this year's elections. Claudia Marlowe dons the message of the day on her facemask during Saturday's Huerfano County Democratic Party precinct caucuses at the community center in Walsenburg. The party caucused in the morning, then held its county assembly, in which local candidates are drafted and delegates selected for the upcoming state party convention, that afternoon. Meanwhile, the Huerfano County Republicans held their precinct caucuses March 1 at the Huerfano Community Bible Church and La Veta's United Methodist Church. The Republicans will hold their county assembly March 26 at Marcy Freeburg's office space at 521 S. Main Street, Walsenburg.

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Colorado's cut of \$26B opioid settlement will start flowing this summer or fall

by Mark Craddock
COLORADO — Colorado will receive some \$385 million of the \$26 billion opioid agreement with the nation's three major pharmaceutical distributors and one pharma manufacturer, approved late last month.

The companies — Cardinal, McKesson, AmerisourceBergen and Johnson & Johnson — will start releasing funds to a national administrator on April 2, 2022, Colorado Attorney General Phil Weiser announced.

Money will start flowing to state and local governments this summer or

early fall, he said. The Johnson & Johnson settlement money will be paid over nine years and the settlement from the big three drug distributors will be paid over 18 years.

One stipulation of the settlement hammered out in 2021 includes large incentive payments based on how many local governments participate. In the fall of 2021, the attorney general's office began circulating a memorandum of understanding (MOU) among Colorado's 64 county governments and 272 municipalities in an attempt to fulfill that requirement.

In addition to the MOU, local governments were asked to sign the "Colorado Subdivision Escrow Agreement" which calls for their legal claims to be released only if participation among municipalities reaches 95% by the Jan. 2, 2022, deadline.

Also, the defendants had the option to walk away from the deals if there is not enough participation, so it is important that a "critical mass" of local governments is reached. Otherwise, the entire deal could fall through.

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Dry conditions so far point to low streamflow

SOUTHERN COLORADO — Despite a promising start to the New Year, a relatively dry January and even drier February resulted in a decline in snowpack as a percent of median in all major river basins in Colorado except for the Arkansas. As of March 1st, the state has fallen below median and is currently at 95%.

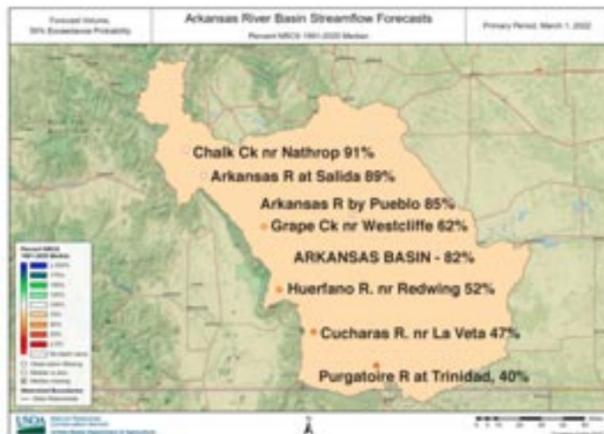
The Climate Prediction Center's 30-day temperature and precipitation outlooks continue to show an equal chance of above or below temperatures and precipitation with the exception of parts of the southern portion of the state which is predicted to be warmer and drier than normal. This pattern supports the ongoing influence of La Niña on the large-scale storm systems over Colorado. The most recent ENSO Diagnostic discussion shows a 77% chance of La Niña holding on through May 2022. With La Niña still in place, it remains to be seen if snowpack will continue to accumulate at a near normal rate.

Dry conditions and warm temperatures pre-

vailed for most of February across Colorado. An Arctic cold front at the end of the month brought some much-needed relief to most mountains across the state, especially the southern and central mountains, where the highest snowfall totals were observed. As a result, drought conditions have improved slightly for the southern mountains but are still persistent across the state.

With mostly dry conditions dominating the month of February, all indications as of March 1st point to a below normal snowmelt-runoff season. The exceptionally dry soils across the state will also likely impact the upcoming runoff season, with less available snowmelt making it to streams and rivers. March and April will be crucial in determining what the upcoming runoff season will look like. Fortunately, the state has already seen much snowfall this first week of March.

Statewide, streamflow forecasts are 88% of median with all major basins having below normal streamflow forecasts except for the



Laramie-North Platte river basin. The streamflow forecast outlooks for Colorado's eastern basins have also decreased with the South Platte at 89% of median and the Arkansas at 81% of median. Although a few locations in the state are forecasted to have near-average streamflow this year, much of the state is forecasted to have well-below average streamflow volumes. Two months remain before runoff season begins, so these forecasts can change depending on future snowfall events.

Arkansas River Basin

Snowpack in the Arkansas River basin is below normal at 90% of median. Precipitation for February was 113% of median which brings water year-to-date precipitation to 93% of median. Reservoir storage at the end of February was 82% of median compared to 86% last year. Current streamflow forecasts range from 44% of median at Huerfano River near Redwing to 91% of median at Chalk Creek near Nathrop.

April not the cruelest month in New Mexico: First Raton dispensary opens April 1

by Sharon Niederman
RATON — April 1 may be a day for pranks, but this year April 1 has special meaning in New Mexico. Some may find the choice of date ironic, but April 1, 2022 is the official date recreational adult use cannabis sales commence.

Touted as nothing less than a new gold rush, an economic diversification from the state's dependence on oil and gas revenues, cannabis is big business.

With a 12% excise tax mandated on sales, plus gross receipts tax (in Raton 8.51%) the Legislative Finance Committee estimates the first fiscal year's profits to be \$19.1 million net revenue for the state and \$9.4 million for local governments. Although questions on some complex issues remain, the "short answer" for the moment is that Raton will receive 4% of the excise tax.

Now, however, official messaging is to "tamp down" expectations. New Mexico is a bit late to the party, as numerous states have already legalized weed, notably, our neighbor to the north, Colorado. Ratonians look across the pass to Trinidad with a mixture of envy and trepidation at the prosperity, as well as the social problems.

"We don't want to be like Trinidad," is a cry often heard, usually followed by speculation as to how much of Trinidad's brisk business might actually be available for poaching.

According to city manager Scott Berry, only one cannabis dispensary business license has been issued by the state in Raton. The business will be located at 1144 So. Second St. at the corner of Tiger Drive and So. Second St. and will open April 1. The licensee is Steve Hayden, former owner of the Ice House Restaurant. "Raton has had interest in cultivation facilities, but not much for retail establishments," said Berry.



Upcoming events

OUR WORLD

Phone-in Legal Help

OUR WORLD —Colorado Legal Service is offering free legal help to the low-income community of southeast Colorado on **Wednesday, March 16 from 5-7:30p.m.** Volunteer attorneys are here to help answer civil legal questions, help with court forms, and explain law and procedure for; family law, landlord/tenant law, protection orders, consumer protection, collections, probate and small claims. To speak with an attorney about civil matters, call 844-404-7400 during clinic hours.

HUERFANO

Mobile vaccine clinic

WALSENBURG — The mobile vaccine bus will be in town on **March 12, 16, 26, 31 from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.** at the Safeway parking lot. For more info visit www.comassvax.org.

Youth Baseball Signups

HUERFANO—Signup for Two Peaks Fitness Youth Sports Leagues Baseball! Ages 4-15. Walsenburg and La Veta leagues. Sign up **Monday-Friday, March 7-24 from 3-6 p.m.** at Two Peaks Fitness, 216 S Main St. Scholarships are available! Or signup online through March 27 at www.twopeaksfitness.org/youth-sports-leagues. Practice starts in April; games May-June. All funds collected are used for youth sports in Huerfano County. Questions regarding youth sports? Call Two Peaks Fitness at 719-742-3555. Let's play ball!

Two Peaks-One Book" events - La Veta

LA VETA — La Veta Library is proud to announce that our Two Peaks/ One Book Community Book Read Series featuring local author Roger Green will present it's his first program on **Thursday, March 10, 2 p.m.** in the meeting room at LVPL. Mr Green will talk about his process and motivation in writing the book and then you are invited to discuss the many themes explored and get your copy of the novel signed. Free as always with refreshments provided.

Then **Sunday, March 13, at 2:00 pm** Dr. Ed Crowthers, history professor Emeritus from Adams State University will be on hand at the La Veta Library as guest speaker. His topic will be "Coming of Age in the Shadow of the Great War" which will compliment one of the themes off this year's selection "4283 Miles" by local author Roger Greene. You won't want to miss dynamic speaker. Free as always, with refreshments.

Movie at La Veta Public Library

LA VETA—Join us for the showing of "Motorcycle Diaries" on **Thursday, March 10, 2 p.m.** the La Veta Library will kick off their "Two Peaks/One Book series with the showing of the classic movie biopic "Motorcycle Diaries". Similar in our theme of coming of age and adventure, the movie details the life changing motorcycle journey of young Che Guervara and Alberto Granado from Brazil to Peru. You won't want to miss this inspiring and inspirational film.

Outside the Box art show

LA VETA—The Spanish Peaks Arts Council in La Veta invites everyone to the opening reception of the new "Outside the Box" show this **Saturday, March 12, from 5-7 p.m.** The new 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". There will be refreshments with no admission fee. (Donations

are gratefully accepted). 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. The show ends April 9. Spanish Peaks Arts Council (SPACe)

Village Powers: Identifying realistic community goals

HUERFANO — Please join La Veta Public Library on **Saturday, March 12, 2-4 p.m.** to investigate healthy collaborations by reviewing community strengths and discussing best practices. This community conversation will provide a safe space to review community needs and action plans to ensure sustainability. This is part one of a two part conversation series. Part two will include efforts to deal with adverse viewpoints and explore strategies for expressing strongly-held opinions in ways that result in positive change - even if that change represents compromise. Refreshments provided.

"Coming of age in America in the shadow of the Great War." discussion

LA VETA — Mark your calendars for **Sunday, March 13, 2 p.m.** when Dr Ed Crowther, Professor for many years at Adams State, will join us at La Veta Library for a fascinating lecture entitled "Coming of age in America in the shadow of the Great War." You won't want to miss this dynamic discussion!. Free as always with refreshments provided.

Calling all chili chefs!

LA VETA — The LaVeta Oktoberfest is preparing for our annual Chili Cookoff Competition to be held on **Saturday, March 12, 5 p.m.** at the Mission Deli Restaurant in La Veta.

Walsenburg Eagles Ladies Auxilliary community brunch

WALSENBURG — The Walsenburg Ladies Auxilliary #1187 will host our community brunch on Sunday, **March 13, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.** at the Eagles Hall, 614 Main St in Walsenburg. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children. We will be serving a new menu: french toast, ham, and scrambled eggs. The meal will include coffee or juice. We hope to see you there!

Life & Death Round Table Discussions

WALSENBURG — Boies Ortega Funeral Home is proud to sponsor 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. All workshops will be held in the community room at Spanish Peaks Library on Walsen Avenue.

Light refreshments will be served. The first workshop is **March 16th, 11:00 a.m.** on "Helping Seniors

Transition."

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

Trivia hosted by SPLD

WALSENBURG—Spanish Peaks Library District will once again be hosting Trivia at the Second Street Bar & Grill at the golf course on **Wednesday, March 16 at 6 p.m.** Gather up your teams and test your wits with this month's categories; Young Adult Fiction, Famous George's, March Madness, Cars From the 60's (visual) and St Patrick's Day. Remember, if your category suggestion is used, you receive \$5 off your table tab and the winning team receives \$20 off their table tab! Don't miss out on the fun and we hope you'll join us!

Two Peaks-One Book - Walsenburg

WALSENBURG— Please join us for a community book read, Two Peaks-One Book Walsenburg. The mission of this program is to foster community dialog & interaction by the reading & discussion of a common book. Our selection is "Bless Me, Ultima" by Rudolfo Anaya, which is a coming-of-age novel centering on Antonio Márez y Luna and his mentorship under his curandera and protector, Ultima. It has become the most widely read and critically acclaimed novel in the Chicano literary canon since its first publication in 1972

We will have free copies available of this novel for you to pick up at SPLD (Walsenburg). A Colorado Humanities grant to Huajatolla Heritage Foundation has made this program possible. The dates for our discussion sessions are **Thursdays, March 17, 24 & 31 at 2 p.m.** Stop in and get your copy and let's make this a great community event!

New Date: Roger Greene's "4,284 Miles"

LA VETA—The author of this year's "Two Peaks/One Book" selection, Roger Greene, will join us at the LaVeta Library on **Thursday, March 17 at 2 p.m.** (Please note the new date!). Mr. Greene will discuss his process and motivation in creating his latest novel chronicling the amazing 1916 bicycle journey of Joe Bruce and Lester Atkinson, two young boys from Colorado. We will then have a spirited round table discussion of the book. Be sure and bring your copy to be signed by the author. Refreshments provided.

Open Mic, St Patrick's Day at the Merc

LA VETA—Celebrate St. Patrick's Day and show off your talents, whether music, poems or short stories on Thursday, March 17, 7 p.m. at La Veta Mercantile, 300 S Main St, La Veta. Free!

The Vile Veterinarian Melodrama

LA VETA—Enjoy the return of the sing-along melodrama at the Francisco Center of the Performing arts Thursday, Friday and Saturday **March 17-19 at 7 p.m. and Sunday March 20** at 2 p.m.! Tickets are \$15 at the door and \$16 online. Visit www.lavetatheatreweb.org for more details. Also available at the La Veta Mercantile. Doors will open 30 minutes before the show.

Mobile vaccine clinic

LA VETA — The mobile vaccine bus will be in town on **Friday, March 18, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.** at the La Veta

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Mobile vaccine clinic

GARDNER — The mobile vaccine bus will be in town on **Friday, March 18, 1 p.m.-6 p.m.** at the Gardner Community Center 28 Co Rd 632, Gardner. For more info visit www.comassvax.org

United Church final service and dinner

WALSENBURG — With numerous persons interested in the final service and final dinner at the United Church **Sunday, March 20**, the caterer is asking for a dinner count. Those expecting to attend the dinner following the 1 pm service are asked to make a reservation with Faye Stroh jfstroh@msn.com or 719-989-8151. Last minute attendees will not be turned away if the food holds out. Special touches from the past at the final service and at the dinner - such as old-time hymns, attendance of previous pastors and members - perhaps even opening a 1904 cornerstone from the First Presbyterian Church, will be included.

LAS ANIMAS

Meet Aguilar's superintendent finalists

AGUILAR— The Aguilar school board has announced three finalists in their search for a new superintendent: Olivia Bachicha, Justin Cowan, and Victoria Santistevan. The school board will host a Meet & Greet event on **Thursday, March 10 from 5 – 7 p.m.** in the Aguilar High School Library for the community, school students, and staff to meet and visit with the three candidates.

St. Patricks Day parade

TRINIDAD- The annual Trinidad St. Patrick's Day Parade will be on **Saturday, March 12 at 12p.m.** Come be in the parade or come to watch it, it will be fun! There is a Parade contest of the most outrageous person, group, car or float (think GREEN) in the parade. \$25.00 entry fee Top prize of \$100, Judges are local kids from Trinidad. The parade will start at Walnut and Main and end at City Hall. For more information please call or text 214-336-4229.

Second Saturdays – Open Mic for all Literary Souls

TRINIDAD—The Corazón de Trinidad Creative District is pleased to announce its third event for 2022; the Second Saturday Series will continue on Saturday, **March 12 at 7 p.m.** An Open Mic for poets and all literary souls, the Series is hosted by the Creative District on the Second Saturday of the month at 210 West Main St. The evening will begin with a featured writer; the microphone then opens to all who would like to share their creative literary efforts. This event is free and open to the public.

Philosophy Café: Autonomy

TRINIDAD—Do you enjoy philosophizing with others about timeless questions? Join us **Monday, March 14th at 5p.m.** for a facilitated conversation, normally on the second Monday of each month. After a brief introduction about an idea from the tradition of philosophy, the discussion takes on a life of its own. During the pandemic, we've been hosting this using Zoom Meeting. If you want to join us, go to our website (Carnegiepubliclibrary.org) and click the Virtual Programs button. Scroll down until you find the article on Philosophy Café.

Trinidad Coalition Brownfield Initiative

TRINIDAD – The Trinidad Brownfield Coalition consisting of Trinidad, Aguilar, and Las Animas County, is hosting a public meeting to share news on the use of a Brownfield Assessment Grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. This Coalition was first awarded an EPA Brownfield Grant in 2015, and this new round of funding will allow the Coalition to continue revitalizing vacant and underused properties, or brownfields in Trinidad, Aguilar, and throughout Las Animas County. Funding will be used to identify brownfield sites for revitalization, assess existing site conditions, and plan for future cleanup and reuse of priority sites. Interested property owners, community members, and other stakeholders can attend this informational meeting in person or virtually. Information will include an overview of the grant and how interested individuals and property owners can nominate sites for consideration for grant-funded

assistance. This meeting will be held on **Wednesday, March 16, 5:30-6:30 p.m.** at A.R. Mitchell Museum of Western Art, 150 East Main Street, Trinidad and online at <https://meet.goto.com/363148061> Dial in: +1 (872) 240-3212 Access Code: 363-148-061

Mobile vaccine clinic

AGUILAR — **Thursday, March 17, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.**, the mobile vaccine clinic will be offering all Covid vaccines and the flu vaccine at Aguilar School 420 Balsam Ave, Aguilar. For more info visit www.comassvax.org

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COLFAX

Spring youth football camp

RATON— Bring your 2nd through 7th graders for some football and fun. Football camp will be held on Saturday and Sunday, **Match 26 and 27th from 9a.m.-4p.m.** We ask that you be at Tiger Stadium by 8:30a.m. for check-in and camp will cost \$20 per athlete. This camp will be non-padded and will focus on individual and position specific drills. Any question, please contact Dustin Walton at (505) 918-3878.

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>.

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

Mon. 3/14 Spaghetti and meatballs, tossed salad, an apple and breadsticks.
Tue. 3/15 Grilled ham and cheese, tater tots, tossed salad, and apple-sauce.
Wed. 3/16 Beef with noodles, green bean casserole, mixed green salad, and peaches.
Thu. 3/17 (St. Patrick's meal) Corned beef with cabbage, parsley potatoes with carrots, lime Jello with fruit, and whole wheat bread.
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That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2017;

That said property was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of GEORGE, RICHARD I for said year 2017;

That said GLOVER, ELAINE AKA ELAINE STEFFAN on the 7th day of September 2021, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;

That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to GLOVER, ELAINE AKA ELAINE STEFFAN on the 11th day of July 2022 at 4:00 P.M., unless the same has been redeemed;

Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.

This Notice of Purchase has also been published in World Journal on February 24, 2022, March 3, 2022 and March 10, 2022.

Witness my hand this 21st day of February 2022



Debra J. Reynolds

Debra J. Reynolds, Treasurer of Huerfano County, Colorado
TD#3071 SCH#22327

EXHIBIT A

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

BEG AT A PT ON S LINE HWY 160 FROM WH TH N4 COR SEC
17-28-66 BEARS N 51 DEG 03'30"W 1660.90 FT TH S 32
D 52 M E 144.64 FT TO A PT ON THE TOP OF A ROCK DIKE
ON THE N BANK OF THE CUCH ARAS RIVER TH N 64 D 38 M E
180 FT ALONG THE TOP OF SAID ROCK DIKE TO A PT. TH
N 63 D 24 M E 97.28 FT ALONG TOP OF ROCK DIKE TO A
PT. TH N 52 D 09 M 30 S E 305 FT. ALONG THE TOP OF
ROCK DIKE TO A PT TH N 43 D 06 M W 210.51 FT TO A PT.
ON THE S ROW FENCE H.W. 160 TH S 49 D 48 M W 301.90 FT
ALONG ROW TO A PT OF CURVE IN THE FENCE TH S 53 D 16 M
30 S W ON THE LONG CHORD OF A CURVE TO THE RIGHT 242.90
FT TO A P/O/B 2.47 ACRES LESS THE E'LY 200 FT OF THE
ABOVE DES PROP. CONT. .96 ACRES TOTAL 1.50 AC M/O/L

NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED

To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:

MCDONALD, LINDELL L & ALLISON M
112 W TULSA AVE
SULPHUR, OK 73086

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 15th day of November 2018, the then County Treasurer of Huerfano County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to STEFFAN, DAVID M the following described property situate in the County of Huerfano, State of Colorado, to-wit:

5LY 52 FT OF LOTS 1-2-3 BLOCK 4 CAPITOL HILL ADDITION

and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to STEFFAN, DAVID M.

That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2017;

That said property was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of MCDONALD, LINDELL L & ALLISON M for said year 2017;

That said STEFFAN, DAVID M on the 10th day of January 2022, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;

That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to STEFFAN, DAVID M on the 18th day of July 2022 at 4:00 P.M., unless the same has been redeemed;

Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.

This Notice of Purchase has also been published in World Journal on March 3, 2022, March 10, 2022 and March 17, 2022.

Witness my hand this 28th day of February 2022



Debra J. Reynolds

Debra J. Reynolds, Treasurer of Huerfano County, Colorado
TD#3108 SCH#2B100

IN THE DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF HUERFANO
STATE OF
COLORADO

EDWARD MATTHES, Plaintiff

v.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED DEFENDANTS:

IMOGENE S. TILLER, IF LIVING, OR THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, SUCCESSORS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DE-

VISEES, AND ASSIGNS OF IMOGENE S. TILLER, IF DECEASED, AND ANY AND ALL OTHER PARTIES WHO MAY HAVE AN INTEREST

IN THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants

Case No.: 2021CV30045

Judge: John "Clay" McKisson

NOTICE OF SUIT

TO THE FOLLOWING NAME DEFENDANTS: IMOGENE S. TILLER, IF LIVING, OR THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, SUCCESSORS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, AND ASSIGNS OF IMOGENE S. TILLER, IF DECEASED, AND ANY AND ALL OTHER PARTIES WHO MAY HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants

GREETINGS:

You are hereby notified that a quiet title action has been instituted and is now pending in the District Court of Huerfano County, Colorado, said cause being numbered Case No. 2021CV30045 on the civil docket of said Court, wherein you are named or designated as Defendants and wherein the Plaintiff seeks to obtain constructive service of process upon you.

The object of said action is to quiet the Plaintiff's title in and to the real property described below and as set forth in the Complaint to Quiet Title within the County of Huerfano, Colorado, more particularly described as follows:

All of Lot 589 Rio Cucharas Phase #2, County of Huerfano, Colorado

You are further notified that unless you enter or cause to be entered your appearance in said cause on or before the thirty-fifth (35th) day from the date of the last publication of this Notice, Judgment by Default will be rendered against you and the relief prayed for by the Plaintiffs will be granted.

WILLIAM PATRIGO, whose address is 7955 E. Arapahoe Ct., Suite 1200, Centennial, CO 80112 and whose telephone number is (720) 474-0309, is the attorney for the Plaintiff.

Public Hearing Notice (Annual Budget)

The Walsenburg Urban Renewal Authority will conduct a public hearing on the 2022 ANNUAL BUDGET at 6PM on April 12, 2022 at 525 S. Albert Avenue, Walsenburg, CO 81089 as well as via Zoom: The proposed budget is available for inspection by the public at the City of Walsenburg, City Clerk's Office. Any interested elector of the local government may file any objections to the proposed budget at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget.

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/96098481472> Meeting ID: 960 9848 1472

City of Walsenburg, CO.
525 S. Albert Avenue
Walsenburg, CO 81089
Telephone: 719-695-1031

PUBLIC HEARING

The Huerfano County Board of County Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing during their regular meeting 10:00 am at the Huerfano County Courthouse, Commissioners' Chambers, 401 Main Street, Suite 309, Walsenburg, Colorado, on Tuesday, March 22, 2022. The purpose of the hearing is to receive public comment concerning Temporary Assembly Permit Application #22-01, for Jamie Janover on behalf of Sonic Bloom, requesting approval of a four (4) day music, art and camping festival to be held from June 16, 2022 to June 19, 2022. The subject property is located at 732 CR 653, Rye, Huerfano County, Colorado, and is zoned Agricultural.

The complete application is available for review online at: https://www.huerfano.us/uploads/landuse/applications/2022/22-007%20RMSS/22_007%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

Published on March 10, 2022 World Journal

Colorado Legals

NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED

To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:

JONES, WYLIE & THERESA F
514 EMMIT ST
SAVANNAH, GA 80918-3962

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 7th day of November 2014, the then County Treasurer of Huerfano County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale under Tax Lien Certificate NO: 121 of 2013 to KURTH, ROLAND the following described property situate in the County of Huerfano, State of Colorado, to-wit:

LOT 60 NAVAJO RANCH RESORTS #2

and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to KURTH, ROLAND.

That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2013;

That said property was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of JONES, WYLIE & THERESA F for said year 2013;

That on the 18th day of November 2021, said KURTH, ROLAND assigned said certificate of purchase to SMITH, CHRIS;

That said SMITH, CHRIS on the 19th day of November 2021, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;

That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to SMITH, CHRIS on the 11th day of July 2022 at 4:00 P.M., unless the same has been redeemed;

Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.

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Witness my hand this 21st day of February 2022



Debra J. Reynolds

Debra J. Reynolds, Treasurer of Huerfano County, Colorado
TD#3101 SCH#3339859

NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED

To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:

LARA, ARMOND R
C/O JOETTA V DURAN-ROMERO
619 NORTH SPROULL
WALSENBURG, CO 81089

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 15th day of November 2011, the then County Treasurer of Huerfano County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to KURTH, ROLAND the following described property situate in the County of Huerfano, State of Colorado, to-wit:

LOTS 18-19 BLOCK 23 GRANDVIEW ADDITION

and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to KURTH, ROLAND.

That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2010;

That said property was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of LARA, ARMOND R for said year 2010;

That on the 19th day of November 2021, said KURTH, ROLAND assigned said certificate of purchase to PROVERBS REAL ESTATE LLC;

That said PROVERBS REAL ESTATE LLC on the 19th day of November 2021, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;

That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to PROVERBS REAL ESTATE LLC on the 11th day of July 2022 at 4:00 P.M., unless the same has been redeemed;

Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.

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Witness my hand this 21st day of February 2022



Debra J. Reynolds

Debra J. Reynolds, Treasurer of Huerfano County, Colorado
TD#3102 SCH#19293

NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED

To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:

CORTEZ, CLOVIS & EVA
C/O ROSE M CORTEZ
807 APACHE ST
ASTEC, NM 87410

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 9th day of November 2012, the then County Treasurer of Huerfano County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale under Tax Lien Certificate NO: 104 of 2011 to KURTH, ROLAND the following described property situate in the County of Huerfano, State of Colorado, to-wit:

LOT 4 BLOCK 48 SPARGO & WINTERS ADDITION

and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to KURTH, ROLAND.

That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2011;

That said property was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of CORTEZ, CLOVIS & EVA for said year 2011;

That on the 19th day of November 2021, said KURTH, ROLAND assigned said certificate of purchase to PROVERBS REAL ESTATE LLC;

That said PROVERBS REAL ESTATE LLC on the 19th day of November 2021, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;

That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to PROVERBS REAL ESTATE LLC on the 11th day of July 2022 at 4:00 P.M., unless the same has been redeemed;

Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.

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Witness my hand this 21st day of February 2022



Debra J. Reynolds

Debra J. Reynolds, Treasurer of Huerfano County, Colorado
TD#3104 SCH#178003

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Request for Professional Engineer Study of a Main Gas Line Replacement on Main Street and the Cucharas River. The City of Walsenburg accepting proposals from qualified firms for a Professional Engineer Study of a Main Gas Line Replacement on Main Street and the Cucharas River in accordance with the terms, conditions and specifications contained in these documents. This RFP is selected from a listing of relevant organizations in the region. It is also being sent to the Minority Business Development Agency Business Center in Denver for distribution to small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises in the Colorado and surrounding areas. Any and all qualified and interested entities are encouraged to respond to this RFP. Offerors wishing to participate should ensure they have all addenda prior to submission of proposal. Failure to acknowledge receipt of any addenda applicable to this project could result in the rejection of your proposal. Each offer, before submitting their proposal, shall become fully informed as to the extent and character of work required. All questions outside of the pre-bid conference call, must be submitted in writing to the bid delivery address below, or via email (preferred method) to Dustin Stambaugh at email address at: cityadmin@cityofwalsenburg.com. ACTIVITY RFP Published at Huerfano World Journal Feb. 15, 2022; Virtual Pre-Bid Conference Call Meeting Feb 22, 2022, 2 PM MT/ Pre-Bid On-site walk through Mar 8 2022

Written Inquiries Deadline: Questions received after the March 17, 2022 4 pm MT deadline will not be accepted. NO PHONE CALLS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Please e-mail questions to: cityadmin@walsenburg.org

Proposal Submission Due Date: March 18, 2022 4 PM MT (submittal requirements are outlined in the Bid Documents); deliver bid in a sealed envelope bearing the name of the firm and marked with the Project Title: The City of Walsenburg RFP/Professional Engineer Study of a Main Gas Line Replacement to: The City of Walsenburg, 525 S. Albert Ave. Walsenburg, CO 81089

Colorado Legals

New Mexico Legals

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF REGULAR ELECTION BY THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL FOR THE HUERFANO COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Huerfano County Hospital District, Huerfano County, Colorado, that at the close of business on the sixty-third (63rd) day before the election or thereafter there were not more candidates for Director than offices to be filled, including candidates filing affidavits of intent to be write-in candidates; therefore, the election to be held on May 3, 2022, is hereby cancelled. The following candidates are declared elected:

Lola Spradley 3 Year Term
 Nancy M. Nielsen 3 Year Term
 Paul H. Coe 3 Year Term

HUERFANO COUNTY
 HOSPITAL DISTRICT

Lauren Sirtas
 Designated Election Official

Published on: March 10, 2022
 Published in: World Journal

Posted Filed: Designated Election Official's office - SPRHC website County Clerk and Recorder's office Division of Local Government

PERSONAL PROPERTY DECLARATION SCHEDULE

All persons owning, possessing, or controlling taxable personal property with a total actual value greater than \$50,000 (per owner, per county) on January 1, 2022, are required to report the personal property to the assessor by April 15, 2022. Personal Property Declaration Schedules have been mailed to every person, business, or company known to own, possess, or control taxable personal property in the county. Non-receipt of a declaration schedule DOES NOT excuse taxpayers from declaring taxable personal property to the assessor. If you have not received a declaration schedule and own personal property with a value greater than \$50,000, contact the assessor at (719)738-3000 ext 504.

All personal property with a total actual value in excess of \$50,000 (per owner, per county) is taxable unless specifically exempt by law. Taxable personal property includes:

- All residential household furnishings used to produce income
- Equipment, furniture, and machinery used by commercial, industrial, and natural resource operations
- Property used in an agribusiness that does not qualify as agricultural pursuant to § 39-1-102(1.6)(a), C.F.S.
- Expensed assets with a life greater than one year
- Fully depreciated assets still in use
- Personal property in storage that is subject to IRS depreciation
- Leasehold improvements

Equipment that is licensed as a motor vehicle (SMM plate or Z-Tab) is not reported on the Personal Property Declaration Schedule.

Completed declaration schedules are due April 15, 2022. You may extend the deadline if, prior to April 15, the assessor receives your written request for an extension along with \$20 for a 10-day extension, or \$40 for a 20-day extension. If you do not meet the April 15 deadline and do not request an extension, a penalty in the amount of 5% or 15% of the taxes due (whichever is less) will be applied to your account.

If you fail to file a declaration schedule, the assessor will establish a taxable value based on the "best information available" and add a penalty of up to 25% of assessed value for any omitted property that is subsequently discovered.

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 8TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
 COLFAX COUNTY NM
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 LAUREN M. FELTS-SALAZAR
 DISTRICT COURT CLERK
 Anita Sirtas

EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
 STATE OF NEW MEXICO
 COUNTY OF COLFAX

NO. D-809-PB-20 *22-00006*

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
 OF WILLIAM LOUIS CLARK III, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claim will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at 7957 Harlan Street, Arvada, CO 80003, or filed with the Eight Judicial District Court, Colfax County Courthouse, Raton, New Mexico.

DATED: *Feb 7, 2022*

Cynthia J. Ferry
 Cynthia J. Ferry
 Personal Representative of the
 Estate of, William Louis Clark III,
 Deceased

Ray A. Floersheim
 RAY A. FLOERSHEIM
 P. O. Box 1437
 Telephone: (505) 445-3370
 Tele-Fax: (505) 445-3369
 Attorney for Cynthia J. Ferry

REGULAR MEETING March 14, 2022 AGENDA

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Colfax County Board of Commissioners will meet in Regular Session on Monday, March 14, 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 February 28, 2022
6. Recognize Visitors
7. Public Comment
8. Presentation – Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Final Audit
9. Discuss/Action – Resolution #2022-13, Amending Resolution #2022-01, Open Meetings Act
10. Discuss/Action – Resolution #2022-14, Opposing the State of New Mexico 30X30 Land Preservation Goal
11. Discuss/Action – RFB #2022-02, VMDC Medical Management Services
12. Discuss/Action – Statement of Receipts and Expenses from the Colfax County Treasurer
13. Discuss/Action – Appointment to the Northeast Economic Development Organization – Board of Directors and Alternate
14. Discuss/Action – Memorandum of Understanding between the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish and Colfax County
15. Discuss/Action – Claim of Exemptions/Subdivisions Filing Procedures
16. Discuss/Action – Transfer of Vehicle from the Colfax County Road Department to the Colfax County Vector Control
17. Discuss/Action – Special Event Requirements Application for 1/2 Day Rental Discuss/Action – Resolution #2022-15, Fee Schedule for Colfax County Fees
18. Discuss/Action – Colfax County Fire Protection Excise Tax Advisory Committee Policies
19. Discuss/Action – Colfax County Fire Protection Excise Tax Advisory By Laws
20. Discuss – Amending Ordinance #2017-01, Personnel Policy; Chain of Command Policy
21. Closed Session Pursuant to NMSA 1978 10-15-1H(2), Limited Personnel Matters, Interim Colfax County Manager
22. Discuss/Action – Open Session Pursuant to NMSA 1978 10-15-1H(2), Limited Personnel Matters, Interim Colfax County Manager
23. Commissioners' Docket
24. Manager's Docket
25. Adjourn

Done this 7th day of March 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".

New Mexico Legals

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
 IN THE PROBATE COURT
 COLFAX COUNTY
 No. 2022-5630
 In the Matter of the Estate of
 Rose Brigid Berry, deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate of the decedent. All persons having claims against this estate of the decedent are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of any published notice to creditors or sixty (60) days after the date of mailing or other delivery of this notice, whichever is later, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative at the address listed below, or filed with the Probate Court of Colfax County, New Mexico, located at the following address: Colfax County Building, 230 N. 3rd St., P.O. Box 1498, Raton, NM 87740.

DATED: February 15th, 2022.

/s/ Carmella Berry
 Signature of Personal Representative
 Carmella Berry
 2/15/2022
 P.O. Box 721
 Raton, NM 87740

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BUSINESS

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 cleaning and upholstery. Southern Colorado from Pueblo to Trinidad. Residential/commercial. 30 years experience. Now sanitizing for COVID. Free quotes.

Call Sam or Sylvia at (719) 890-1079 or (719) 989-7824. 25-TFN

PROFESSIONAL local painter. Interior-exterior, residential or commercial. 20 years experience. References provided, free estimates from one room to whole buildings. SBJ Painting, Walsenburg, 719-369-1927 27-TFN/EOW

HAVE YOU BEEN EXPERIENCING BACKACHES, HEADACHES OR NUMEROUS OTHER CHRONIC PAIN? CranioSacral Therapy might be the answer. CranioSacral is a light-touch approach that can make dramatic improvements in your life. Or call for just a relaxing deep tissue massage. Gift Certificates available. For more information call Healing Arts Therapeutics 719-989-8747 today for an appointment. 38-TFN

PIANO TUNING: Keep your piano in tune and in tip-top shape. Request an appointment online at www.SpanishPeaksPiano.com or call 720-363-0052. Located in Huerfano County. 19-TFN

HELP WANTED

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 knowledge and experience, and our ideal candidate has strong mechanical skills in addition to a pleasant, helpful demeanor that conveys to customers our dedication to their safety and satisfaction.

- Tow Truck Operator Requirements and Qualifications
- Automotive skills and knowledge
- Customer service experience and skills
- 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 \$30,000. 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

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 \$34,928.80. 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

Notice is hereby given that; Huerfano County is accepting applications for a Huerfano County Youth Conservation Corps Director in the Parks and Recreation Department. This is a full-time position; the position is benefit eligible with a salary range of \$30,000, to \$35,000, non-exempt position. Supervise and direct the creation and development of the Huerfano County Youth Conservation Corps to consist of a group of local youth chosen to receive training in fire mitigation, trail building, park maintenance, and environmental education at the Cuchara Mountain Park. HYCC Director will spend most of their time in direct contact with students, either providing direct student instruction in small groups in a classroom setting, providing environmental education in the field, or facilitating conservation-based service-learning projects. HYCC Director will coordinate with other

organizations or agencies such as CMPAC, Cuchara Mountain Park Advisory Committee. CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) program manager. Develop education programs. Assist with mitigation projects. High school diploma or equivalent. Experience teaching and/or leading youth, conservation, reforestation and/or outdoor recreation skills. Desire for personal challenge and to help youth develop leadership and job skills. Strong communication skills and a vested interest in community service. Ability to participate in physical labor. A pre-employment Drug Test and a Background Investigation will be required. Job descriptions and applications are available by contacting Human Resources at 719-738-3000 Ext 205 or email jobs@huerfano.us Applications will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on March 21, 2022. For all Huerfano County, job openings go to governmentjobs.com Huerfano County is an equal opportunity employer. 10-2XU

THE HUERFANO COUNTY Department of Human Services has a full time position opening in the Assistance payments unit. This position determines eligibility for all categories of public assistance. Applicants must have a high school diploma or GED, two years of full time clerical or extensive public contact experience, excellent customer service skills, advanced computer skills and the ability to communicate effectively both verbally and in writ-

ing. A complete job description and applications are available by calling 719-738-2810 ext. 110 or e-mail dhsjobs@huerfano.us. Salary \$30,000 yearly, negotiable D.O.E. Excellent benefit package: health, vision, dental and life insurance as well as retirement. Drug testing and background checks are required. HCDHS is an equal opportunity employer. Completed applications or resumes must be received by March 21, 2022 by 4:00 p.m. **10-2XU**

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

CHIROPRACTIC OFFICE needs a dependable, professional, energetic, assistant/receptionist. Position involves answering phones, scheduling appointments, insurance processing and follow ups and handling a busy reception area. Must be able to multi task, exceptional customer service and phone skills a must. Computer and data entry experience needed. References required. Email resume to jtvigildc@yahoo.com. **24-TFN**

COLFAX HELP WANTED

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 Deadline is February 10, 2022 by 4p.m. Colfax County is an equal opportunity employer **27-TFN**

THE BOARD OF COUNTY Commissioners for Colfax County New Mexico is seeking an energetic person with strong leadership skills for the position of County Manager. Minimum qualifications include a Bachelor's degree in public administration, finance, accounting, business, or closely related field; three years of progressive supervision and management in a similar government organization. A Master's Degree is preferred. A combination of education and experience may be substituted. Salary is \$75,762 to \$94,703 per annum, DOQ. Please submit a current resume, including salary history, salary requirements, and five professional references to Colfax County c/o Suzanne Valdez, Human Resource Department, P.O. Box 1498, Raton, NM 87740 or email svaldez@co.colfax.nm.us. Deadline 5 p.m. March 31, 2022. **COLFAX COUNTY IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER 10-2XU**

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-degreeed 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**

LA VETA PASS KENNELS. Has spacious outdoor kennels covered. Includes out side play area. Including inside kennels for small dogs. Day boarding available. Call 719-470-9079. 8156 US Hwy 160. **19-TFN**

DOG & CAT GROOMING - 49 years of dog grooming experience. Call or text Lisa at 719-989-3300 for an appointment. La Veta. **36-TFN**

FOR RENT

2 & 3 BEDROOM Apartments Available- Spanish Peaks Apartments. 900 E. Indiana Ave. Walsenburg. (719) 888-5120. On-site laundry facilities. HUD vouchers accepted. Total Concept is an equal opportunity employer and provider. **09-4XP**

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**

OFFICE SPACE FOR rent. Private office space for rent (112 square feet). Includes use of break room and conference table in public area. \$300 monthly with yearly lease. Semi-private co-share space also available, one to three days a week for part-time working space. Both spaces include high speed internet

ACROSS

1. Confronted
6. Fortuneteller's card
11. Shade of white
12. Stain black
15. Look around casually
16. Prevaricated
17. Record (abbrev.)
18. Gallivant
20. Delay
21. Nursemaid
23. Delight
24. Fit
25. 20th-century art movement
26. Walk in water
27. Corporate image
28. Kiss
29. An uncle
30. A boneless steak
31. Loose high-necked blouse
34. Winged
36. East southeast
37. Sandwich shop
41. Not aft
42. French for "Head"
43. Ends a prayer
44. Attired
45. Cogitate
46. Eastern discipline
47. Buffoon
48. Seductive looking woman
51. Buff
52. Green gems
54. Narrate
56. Final
57. Hunger for
58. Chip dip
59. Infections of the eye

DOWN

1. He fights blazes
2. Popular salad ingredient
3. Bovine
4. At one time (archaic)
5. One who colors cloth
6. A Native American tent
7. Humiliate
8. Thorny flower
9. Half of two
10. Cultivated land
13. Fanatic
14. Border
15. Slender nails
16. Gnus
19. A long-legged S. American bird
22. Gaunt
24. Day off
26. Used to be
27. Cover

and utilities. Private space is one block off Main Street; co-share space is available in two locations. Co-share space cost varies by location, from \$6 hour to \$50 per day. Call 719-738-6830 or 719 989-0969. **34-TFN**

RESIDENTIAL properties for rent starting at \$600 per month. Studio apartments, 1-bedroom apartments, 2-bedroom apartments, 1- and 2-bedroom houses. Some pets accepted at some locations. Please call and let us know what you need. 719-738-3827 - Bill **5-TFN**

COMMUNITY

TRINIDAD STATE COLLEGE has multiple position openings in Trinidad and Alamosa including; Instructors, Athletic Trainer, Financial Aid Counselor, Nursing Faculty and Custodial staff. For all position openings and complete job descriptions, go to: https://trinidadstate.edu/hr/index.html. **09-2XU**

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**

FOR SALE

MOVING SALE- GE Chest freezer, 7 cu ft, \$200. 60 gal. MIG welder Century 160, 230 v,

gas bottle, mask, extras, \$300. Charcoal grill, old but functional, \$10 with cover. Cabelas adult PFD life jacket, S/M/L, never used, \$20. Cabelas adult PFD life jacket, XL to XXXL, never used, \$20. Tool tables on wheels, 3x3x4H with shelf, used to mount tools like a vise or sander, doesn't tie up space on workbench, \$30 each. Four left-handed archery compound bow, \$50 each. Approx. 130 arrow shafts, 10 for \$10. Fletching tools, \$40. 1993 DR Powerwagon, still good for hauling heavy stuff; \$75. Two small work tables on wheels for shop, \$10 each. Call 719-989-7056. **09-4XU**

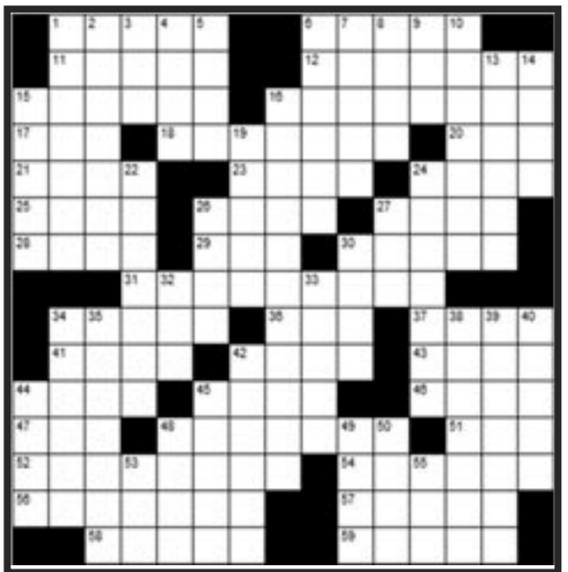
MICHELIN TIRES FOR SALE LT245/75 R17. Like new. Call 719-989-0188 **09-02XP**

LOCALLY GROWN BEEF for your freezer. Sold in whole, half, or quarters. Processed in Raton, NM at High Country Meats. Call for availability and pricing: 575-202-4893. **08-4XP**

GUN SAFETY CLASSES

COLORADO CONCEALED carry permit class. March 20th, 1:00pm at Rollin' Smoke Garage BBQ, 110 E. 5th Street in Walsenburg. \$55/Person, Includes Lunch. This course meets or exceeds all of Colorado's state requirements to apply for your Concealed Carry Permit. Southern Colorado Firearms Training, LLC is veteran-owned and operated. Register online at socofirearmstraining.com or email socofirearms@gmail.com. Call/text 443-987-1203 for more information. **09-3XP**

Crossword



Last week's key



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|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 30. Run away | 40. Absurd |
| 32. Consumed food | 42. Treeless Arctic plain |
| 33. Daisylike bloom | 44. College girl |
| 34. Ablaze | 45. Boys or men |
| 35. Low leather step-in shoes | 48. Letters, etc. |
| 38. Characterized by emotion | 49. Circle fragments |
| 39. Emissaries | 50. Sassy |
| | 53. Ribonucleic acid |
| | 55. Islet |



What do you know about that?

Origins of our alphabet

by Ruth Orr

EARTH — The alphabet is probably not something you've really thought about since you were in preschool and tracing little letter outlines of your name, but it is a fundamental pillar of our modern world. Without it communication would break down. You wouldn't be able to read about all the weird things I want to write about. I wouldn't be able to write about them at all. And we owe all of our literary success to our ancient ancestors who wanted to complain about the inferior copper they were being sold. And probably some other stuff too.

Our alphabet's origins lie all the way back in the second millennium BCE, about four thousand years ago, though non-alphabetic writing (ie hieroglyphs and cuneiform) is older, going back almost 5,500 years ago. Nearly all alphabetic scripts in the world today trace back to a Semitic proto-alphabet that emerged in the Levant (roughly the area occupied by Israel, Lebanon, and Syria today).

That script in turn originated from a Proto-Sinaitic script developed in Egypt, which was developed by the working class in the country. The Egyptian language used complex hieroglyphs composed of pictograms to convey ideas. The unskilled workers took some of the more common glyphs, simplified them, and assigned them sounds in their language as opposed to values. For example, the hieroglyph *per*, meaning 'house' in Egyptian, was used to write the sound 'b' in the new Semitic script, because that was the first sound in the Semitic word for house, *bayt*. The script developed from there, with glyphs being taken, changed to make sounds instead of ideas, and then being used to write words out phonetically in new languages.

The new script was used only sporadically for a half a millennium until the Phoenicians entered the scene and began using it for government use. Unfortunately, contrary to popular myth, the term 'phonetic' is probably not related to 'phoenician', as their core words in Greek are not actually as similar as they are in English. The term we get phonetics from stems from a Greek word meaning 'voice', the word they had for the Phoenicians meant 'blood red', and possibly indicated a red dye they were known for trading. What's not debateable however is the impact this maritime power had on the Mediterranean world. As the Phoenician traders stretched across the sea, they took with them their language, and their writing.

From the Phoenician script two primary alphabets were born, the Aramaic, which eventually birthed in turn, Hebrew and Arabic, among others, and the Greek alphabet. The Greek alphabet is dis-

tinct for being the first to also include letters to indicate vowels, earlier alphabets required you to infer the vowel sounds in a written word based on the consonants. So instead of writing the word 'consonant', you would write instead 'cnsnt' and assume people could figure it out from there.

By the 8th century BCE the Greeks had taken the Phoenician alphabet and adapted it for their own use. It has been described as the first 'true' alphabet, with vowels as well as consonants. The letters are the same in Greek and Phoenician, arranged in the same order, but since the languages were different, the Greeks didn't necessarily need all those letters. The Phoenicians had a glottal stop and voiced pharyngeal sounds, but Greek does not, so the Greeks just took the Phoenician letters representing those and turned them into their vowels for 'a' and 'o'. The Greek alphabet expanded outward from there, and is the source of all modern scripts in Europe.

But everyone knows we use the Latin alphabet for English writing, right? There are definitely Greek letters that are not familiar to us at all. So where did those come from? How did we get from Greek to Latin to English? For that we look to the Etruscans.

The Etruscans were a tribe of people living in central Italy who had already been there for at least two centuries before the ancient town of Rome was founded. The Etruscans called themselves Rasenna, but since it was the Latin Romans who won out in the end, it is their name for the people that we still use.

The Etruscan language is a bridge of sorts. Written from right to left, the letters look foreign and runic until you flip them around and read them the other way, and then you see that most of their letters were the same as the ones we use now, just flipped on the horizontal axis. It was the Etruscans who brought the alphabet to Italy, and it was from them that the Romans developed their Latin alphabet.

As the Latins came into their own and started growing more powerful, the Etruscans got pushed out. A series of wars were fought between the Romans and the Etruscans, with the Romans winning somewhere around 265-264 BCE. The last known speaker of the Etruscan language was the fourth Roman emperor, Claudius, who died in 54 CE, more than 250 years after the conquest of the Etruscan homeland.

The Romans took the Etruscan alphabet, swapped it around to write from left to right, dropped letters they didn't need, added in new letters, and produced our modern alphabet, minus the letters G, J, U, W, Y, and Z.

Rome went on to conquer huge swaths of the



The Cippus Perusinus is a stone tablet discovered on the hill of San Marco, near Perugia, Italy, in 1822. The tablet bears 46 lines of carved Etruscan text. While we don't fully understand Etruscan, what can be deciphered appears to be a legal contract between families about a plot of land with a tomb on it. Photo from Wikimedia

Mediterranean and pushed up into Europe, with outposts in the British Isles and trade partners all the way up into Scandinavia. With them went their alphabet. The Anglo-Saxons began using Roman letters to write out their Old English words as they converted to Christianity. After that, it was only a matter of time before the language warped more, with new letters added for new sounds, until we got to the point we're at today.

So there you have it. You can thank a handful of uneducated peasants in Egypt 4,000 years ago for your ability to read today.

Letters

CALL TO ACTION FOR UNAFFILIATED VOTERS IN THE PRIMARIES

Here's a call out to all Unaffiliated voters in Colorado's 3rd Congressional District: Vote in the Republican primary in June to nominate a Republican candidate for US Representative NOT named Lauren Boebert.

Republicans have held that seat for 24 of the last 30 years. After redistricting, it's gone from R+7 to R+9. The reality is whoever wins the Republican primary will likely win the general election – as in 12 of the last 15 elections.

Unaffiliated voters joining forces with moderate Republicans can nominate a candidate to better represent the middle majority rather than the far-right minority. But it's going to take Unaffiliated coming out in force. Don't let the far-right pick the candidate. The 3rd District is more diverse than that and deserves better.

The 2020 primary was decided by only 10,000 out of 110,000 votes.

District 3 has 230,000 (42%) registered Unaffiliated voters compared to 170,000 (31%) Republicans and 135,000 (25%) Democrats. The Unaffiliated have the numbers – they just have to vote.

Spread the word to all your Unaffiliated friends: vote in the Republican primary and make Lauren Boebert a one-term Congresswoman.

Remember – the primary you choose to vote in has no effect on which party you can vote for in the general election.

~Brenda Freeburn
Gunnison, CO

HECKLING –V– CIVIL DISCOURSE

Heckling and raucous behavior from attendees at a Presidential State of the Union Address is not unprecedented. Is it ever warranted? I've shouted expletives at the radio during presidential addresses, but I'm not a member of Congress.

After witnessing Lauren Boebert's irreverent caterwauling during President Biden's speech last week, I was reminded of what occurred at a 2003 London concert featuring the Dixie Chicks. Lead singer, Natalie Maines, apologized to the crowd for then President George W. Bush's decision to invade Iraq, saying: "Just so you know, we're on the good side with y'all. We do not want this war, this violence, and we're ashamed the President of the United States is from Texas."

The backlash from Republicans, conservatives and country music fans was swift, and was summed up with four words: SHUT UP AND SING.

In that vein, Lauren Boebert should SHUT UP AND REPRESENT. Instead of feeding the vitriol and animosity that have come to define partisan politics, wouldn't it be nice to have a representative in the United States Congress who strives to exemplify the integrity, grit and honor of the hard-working and compassionate constituents she represents? A thoughtful person seeking to mend the divisions wearing down the fabric of our diverse society and its democracy instead of adding to the tears? She misses the mark by a mile when she acts like an insolent, ill-mannered child at a decorous function, no matter what her message.

On Sunday, March 6th, an opinion piece signed by Boebert appeared in the *Pueblo Chieftain* in which she voices her disapproval for a proposal to pump water out of the San Luis Valley to the Front Range. It demonstrates she is, in fact, capable of civil discourse, the kind that we should all be engaging in, particularly our representatives. Bravo.

~Nan Floyd
Gardner, CO

WHO IS DOING THE BULLYING?

After reading the *World Journal* March 3rd regarding the RE-1 Staff Picket, I watched the February 18th Emergency Executive meeting on RE-1 Huerfano School District Facebook page. I was appalled at the actions and responses of Superintendent Mike Moore. He was very disrespectful to school board member Jenna Fox. It was obvious to me who was doing the Bullying. There is nothing like seeing a persons' reaction to know where they are coming from. School board treasurer Jenna Fox was only trying to do her job in reference to the finances of the school district. According to what I heard Superintendent Moore say is that the district employees have a right to express their opinions. So does that mean that Jenna does not have that right also?

Years ago I was a school board member in a larger Colorado district for 8 years. I experienced the influence superintendents have over their staff and the school board if they have the same opinions as he has. I fully agree that everyone involved in RE-1 should work together with each other

for the good of the district. One of the things that should be recognized is, that Jenna Fox is trying to do the job she was elected to do. That includes looking into the finances of the district for the Tax paying citizens. I would encourage those citizens to begin attending these school board meetings. Become informed - Go and see for yourselves how these meetings are conducted.

Respectfully submitted:

~Carol Belt
Navajo Estates
Walsenburg, CO

GOOD SAMARITANS STILL THRIVE IN SOUTHERN COLORADO

Last Monday, Brendt Berger was driving back to Walsenburg from Pueblo when his 1991 Toyota pickup lost steam. The sun was so bright he did not see the danger symbol on the dash. As it slowed to a halt he pulled over and stuck out a thumb, someone stopped. Two nice men on their way to New Mexico pulled over (Brendt did not get their names) and pulled him about 10 miles to the Birco looking for a mechanic, we would love to thank them. Two days later Maria, his wife, was on her way to Colorado Springs for a doctor's appointment that she had to make as it took forever to get this time slot. As she drove through Walsenburg, she felt something askew, luckily in time not to destroy her front end she realized her passenger side front tire was off - upon stopping - saw it was completely flat. The air machine did not work after 6 tries with a credit card. Another Maria came out from the Philips 66 gas station with quarters and got the machine going. However, there was a large hole and the air did not take. Then a young man Dustin who was with his boss Dave Carmichael about to drive to Gardner for a day's work came over to help when he saw that the tire would not fill, he offered to put the spare on. It was hard, not easy and yet he persisted until it was done. Maria made it to her appointment but only with the help of many good Samaritans. We are very fortunate to live in such a caring community where people stop to see how they can help.

~Maria Cocchiarelli-Berger
Gardner, CO

SHIFTING THE BLAME DOES NOT FIX THE PROBLEM

I take the responsibility completely off me and shift to you. If I shift the the burden of proof to you and add a fine, then that makes YOU look like the bad guy not me, it's a ploy as old as time folks.

Dear Citizens of Raton,

Please do not believe that somehow the over 400 vacant buildings in Raton are your fault, and that by fining you this is going to remedy this situation.

What it will probably end up doing is increasing empty buildings even further.

I would never insult your intelligence by wanting you to believe this is your fault. Ladies and gentlemen this type of enforcement is exactly why we have 400 plus empty buildings and some 47 businesses that are empty downtown.

Now I commended our city fathers in an earlier letter for taking a step toward a possible resolution. Let's see where that eventually goes. I believe the citizens of Raton know exactly what has caused this mass exodus. It is not their fault this has occurred, and they need not be unjustly penalized for the inadequacy of those initially responsible for this in the first place.

~Alan Kenny
Raton, NM

THANK YOU!

Just wanted to say thank you for the very nice coverage in the newspaper about debit card fraud and our iCard app.

It was very well presented and we truly appreciate it, along with all the many other press releases you publish on our behalf!

Thanks again for a great job!

~Chris Egland
FNB Trinidad
Trinidad, CO

LONG ROAD TO A NEW SCHOOL

Wow! We are in the process of actually moving into our new school in La Veta! Because of this, I decided it was time for me to thank this community for the support shown to this district's leaders and especially to me while I served various roles in the La Veta Schools. It was my honor to serve and I continue to support all efforts to make this the best place for students to be guided and educated for the benefit of the community, the outside world and themselves.

We, together, did this and that new campus is buzzing about the modern educational environment provided for our community. Stay tuned for events such as Open House, Ribbon Cutting, etc I'll see you there!

Sincerely,
~Eleanor Foley
La Veta, CO

Huerfano County



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Huerfano County, first in line to sue, was also among the first to approve the MOU on Oct. 11, 2021. In early 2022, the attorney general reported that all Colorado Counties and more than 95% of municipalities had signed the MOU, helping pave the way for the recent settlement.

"Colorado has already laid the groundwork for distribution of these dollars, with all 64 counties and nearly all of our state's municipalities poised to work together to address the opioid crisis in our state," Attorney General Phil Weiser said last week. "I am grateful to local governments statewide for their commitment to protecting our residents and that they are, in many cases, already strategizing how these dollars can best serve their communities."

The Colorado MOU is specific and detailed on how governments may use the settlement funds. All participants in the framework must use the funds they receive for opioid abatement purposes such as drug treatment, recovery, prevention and education, and appropriate harm-reduction programs, as well as addressing the epidemic's impact on the criminal justice system.

But its plan for calculating how the settlement pie is sliced, is a bit more Byzantine.

Under the terms of the MOU, 10% of the settlement funds will go directly to the state, 20% will go directly to participating local governments and 10% will be dedicated to statewide infrastructure projects related to opioid abatement.

The MOU divides the state into 19 regions and the lion's share of the settlement, 60% of the funds, is earmarked for those regions. The governmental entities within each region will have two years to develop an organization to oversee and disburse those funds.

Each region will receive a percentage based on

several factors, Pacheco said, including population and local impact from the opioid crisis.

"These regional collaboratives will have their own governing boards comprised of public officials from local governments in the region, will conduct their own needs assessments, and will develop community-specific plans for spending the funds they receive for opioid abatement programs," the attorney general's office said in an August release.

Huerfano and Las Animas counties will be in Region 19, the Southeast Region, along with Pueblo, Crowley, Kiowa, Otero, Bent, Prowers and Baca counties. Region 19 will receive 7.458% of the 60% earmarked for the "regional share."

Pacheco said it will be up to each region's governing board to determine how the funds will be spent and what amounts may flow to each entity within a region.

But the 20% earmarked specifically for local governments will flow directly to the local governments without a regional bureaucracy in between. Under the plan, Huerfano County would receive 0.2505% and Las Animas County would receive 0.6304%.

The agreement marks the culmination of three years of negotiations to resolve more than 4,000 claims filed by state and local governments across the country. In early 2018, Huerfano County was the first local government in Colorado to sue for damages related to widespread opioid abuse and addiction.

The attorney general's office said the agreement is the second-largest multistate settlement in U.S. history, second only to the 1998 Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement.

In addition to providing funds to the states, the big-three distributors agreed to:

- Establish a centralized independent clearinghouse to provide all three distributors and state regulators with aggregated data and analytics about where drugs are going and how often, eliminating

blind spots in the current systems used by distributors;

- Use data-driven systems to detect suspicious opioid orders from customer pharmacies;

■ Terminate customer pharmacies' ability to receive shipments, and report those companies to state regulators, when they show certain signs of diversion'

- Prohibit shipping of, and report to authorities, suspicious opioid orders;

■ Prohibit sales staff from influencing decisions related to identifying suspicious opioid orders;

- Require senior corporate officials to engage in regular oversight of anti-diversion efforts.

Johnson & Johnson is required to:

- Stop selling opioids;
- Not fund or provide grants to third parties for promoting opioids;

■ Not lobby on activities related to poiods;

- Share clinical trial data under the Yale University Open Data Access Project.

Trampoline! Trampoline! Huerfano's bouncy boys and girls



Some of the over 30 Huerfano County kids who participated in last week's Fun Friday event at a trampoline park in Pueblo. *Courtesy photo.*

courtesy Two Peaks Fitness

HUERFANO — Another fantastic Fun Friday is in the books, this time at Altitude Trampoline Park in Pueblo. Two Peaks Fitness hosted over 30 kids and a host of volunteer drivers/chaperones.

Mike Lacy of Two Peaks Fitness said it was a contemplative day for him, thinking about the families 6,000 miles away who are fleeing for their lives, some mourning lives and fearful that their homes will be gone. He said, "It's quite a difference being in the middle of a war and going to a trampoline park."

Lacy said he's thankful for Two Peaks' great group of kids and volunteers, the community, and county, where one can still enjoy life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. He is also grateful to the board of directors and those who give financially to support the Fun Fridays scholarship fund.

Next month will be a trip to the Pueblo Zoo.

Car chase ends with one arrest Tuesday

by E.E. Mullens

HUERFANO COUNTY — The Huerfano County Sheriff's Office chased a reported stolen vehicle through Walsenburg March 8th, on major and residential streets and eventually got the vehicle stopped and arrested the driver after a brief foot chase.

According to the HCSO press release posted on Facebook, the incident began at 9:30 a.m. when the victim reported she had seen her stolen car traveling east on U.S. 160.

Numerous deputies and command staff set up and located the vehicle. K9 Corporal Klipfel initiated a pursuit that continued through city streets and then continued north out of town.

Colorado State Patrol assisted and was able to successfully "spike strip" one of the vehicle's tires ending the chase when the vehicle became disabled on private property near County Road 101.1.

K9 Corporal Jenkins and Deputy Quintana chased the driver on foot for a brief time before tackling 26-year old Christopher Mondragon and taking the suspect into custody. No injuries were reported during this incident and no vehicles were damaged other than the rim and tire of the stolen vehicle.

Mondragon had numerous felony warrants for his arrest according to the press release.

Huerfano County Jail records show his arrest charges are listed as, first degree aggravated motor

vehicle theft, vehicular eluding, resisting arrest, and reckless driving. Outstanding warrants included charges of unlawful possession of controlled substances, unlawful use of controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and DUI-drugs.

The suspect is being held at the jail on local and warrant charges. According to the sheriff's office press release, the investigation into the incident continues.



An auto theft suspect is in custody following and vehicle and brief foot chase in Huerfano County Tuesday morning March 8, 2022. *Photo courtesy of HCSO*

Board of Commissioners select firm for Gardner project master plan Public Hearing held on Plat Amendment

by E.E.Mullens

WALSENBURG — The Huerfano County Board of Commissioners voted to select one of the companies who submitted proposals for the Gardner mixed-development and economic master plan at their regular meeting March 8.

In a unanimous vote on a motion by Commissioner John Galusha, the board selected Electra Johnson Organization of Colorado Springs to prepare the Gardner Community and Economic Master Plan and Mixed Use Development Plan for the 29 acre site acquired by the county in 2021. The area is adjacent to the community center in Gardner. County administrator Carl Young said four consulting/ planning firms responded to the county's request for proposal for the project.

The three phase outline presented to the board shows Phase One will be Project Initiation and Scoping; Phase Two will be Community Charrette (a meeting in which all stakeholders in a project attempt to

resolve conflicts and map solutions) and Phase Three will be Design Development. The contract and scope of work approved by the board this week is valued at \$130,000. The Gardner committee and county staff recommended awarding the project to Electra Johnson, Young said.

Phase One will include a team meeting and project kick off; base map development; survey; an on-site visit and review of existing conditions may and diagrams for the site analysis. At the end of Phase One the county will received a technical memo, vision statement; base map to guide the charrette; an opportunities map and site analysis diagrams.

Phase Two will include the charrette preparation; a workshop with the committee and county; stakeholder and community workshop; review of land use alternatives; design and development recommendations. At the end of Phase Two the county will receive development vision concepts and

alternatives, recommendations, preliminary phasing plan and outline of the preliminary draft plan of the Gardner economic master plan.

Phase Three will include a review of: the stetch development alternatives; plan and phasing plan; development of general design guidelines; implementation strategies and presentation of the plan for committee and county review. At the end of Phase Three the county will have the implementation strategies memo, the site plan for the 29 acre mixed use development and final development of the vision/land use concept plan.

The board held a brief public hearing after appointing Young as hearing officer on a plat amendment and easement vacation concerning consolidation of four lots into one located in the Black Diamond development. The application was filed by Jesse and Sara Martinez and the consolidated lot will be 2.9 acres in size. No one spoke in favor or in opposition to the land use applica-

tion. No utility easement issues were filed and the hearing was closed. There was no action by the board of commissioners and the application will now go back to the county planning commission.

IN OTHER BUSINESS:

- The board reviewed the Highway Users Tax signature sheet as sent by CDOT. The document shows 162,290 miles of arterial streets; 513,278 miles of local streets; 675,568 total miles of H.U.T. eligible streets; 108,140 miles of non H.U.T. eligible streets i.e. streets Maintained by others, and 58,550 miles of non H.U.T. eligible streets, i.e. streets not maintained by the county or any other parties.

- Approved a \$12,500 invoice from the City of Walsenburg for the sewer tap installed adjacent to the sheriff's office and jail. All three of the commissioners, Arica Andreatta, Galusha and chairman Gerald Cisneros thanked the city for the approved discounted price.

- Approved a \$4,403.87 software agreement with Dude

Solutions for form and template development for the Gardner Public Improvement District and the county road and bridge department. This will aid citizens in obtaining forms on-line.

- Approved the annual \$6,000 payment to Huerfano County Fire Protection District for the maintenance and operation of the extrication rescue unit. The vehicle was a holdover when Spanish Peaks Regional Health Center began operating the ambulance service. The agreement allows the county fire department to operate the vehicle as neither the hospital or sheriff's office had trained staff to conduct extrication activities usually associated with traffic accidents.

- The board also approved the tolling agreement with Greenleaf Growers, which means the conditional use permit for the cultivation site will not be acted upon or have time constraints until the grower and a property owner association have completed their litigation.



Bombarded by molecules

The flu season has been with us for months now. I don't know if this year's particular strain has an official name, but if it does, it must be something like Double Swine, Mad Cow Disease, Death-Flu from Hell. You may have had it yourself.

Unfortunately, I had it over Christmas, and I can tell you the main symptom is that you wish you had another setting on your electric blanket, up past "HIGH," labeled "ELECTROCUTION."

Another symptom is that you cease to brush your teeth because (a) your teeth hurt and (b) you lack the strength to finish.

Midway through the brushing process, you'd have to lie down in front of the sink to rest for a couple of hours, and little drops of toothpaste would dribble sideways out of your mouth, eventually hardening into crusty toothpaste stalagmites that would bond your head permanently to the bathroom floor, which is where the emergency medical responders would find you the next day.

You know the kind of flu I'm talking about.

You spend a lot of time lying very still and thinking flu-related thoughts like how the air is made up of tiny objects called molecules.

You know this because you can feel them banging against your body - especially your eyeballs - at speeds upwards of 500 miles an hour.

If you try to escape by pulling

the blanket over your face, they attack your hair, which has become almost as sensitive as your teeth.

Several times a day, you might attempt to crawl to the bathroom. Unfortunately, this is a distance of nearly 20 feet with a great many air molecules en route.

About halfway, you run out of breath, so you decide to stop and get into the fetal position and hope for a nuclear war to break out.

I tried to stay positive during the days of my bout with the Double Swine, Mad Cow Disease, Death-Flu from Hell.

Since I couldn't work, or move, or think, I tried to spend some quality time watching TV, shooting rubber bands at litigants on "People's Court," then just in case some parts of my brain were still functioning I watched professional bowling.

Here's what televised pro-bowling sounds like when you have the flu (or even when you don't):

Commentator 1: He left the ten pin, Bill.

Commentator 2: Yes, Bob. He failed to knock it down.

Commentator 1: It's still standing upright.

Commentator 2: Yes. Now he must try to knock it down.

Commentator 1: You mean the ten pin, Bill?

Commentator 2: That's right, Bob. The ten pin!

As you can imagine, the days just fly by.

Quotes

Daylight Savings Begins March 13

"Daylight time, a monstrosity in timekeeping."
~ Harry S. Truman

"An extra yawn one morning in the springtime, an extra snooze one night in the autumn is all that we ask in return for dazzling gifts. We borrow an hour one night in April; we pay it back with golden interest five months later."
~ Winston Churchill

"Daylight saving time is the practice of adjusting clocks by one hour to make it easier for people in 1918 to tend their crops."
~ Unknown

"It seems very strange ... that in the course of the world's history so obvious an improvement should never have been adopted. ... The next generation of Britishers would be the better for having had this extra hour of daylight in their childhood."
~ Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

"I don't really care how time is reckoned so long as there is some agreement about it, but I object to being told that I am saving daylight when my reason tells me that I am doing nothing of the kind."
~ Robertson Davies

"Thanks for reminding me to change my clocks that change themselves."
~ Unknown

"There are very few things in the world I hate more than Daylight Savings Time. It is the grand lie of time, the scourge of science, the blight on biological understanding."
~ Michelle Franklin

"Why can't we move the clocks ahead to Friday afternoon around 4?"
~ Unknown

"As an admirer of moonlight I resent the bossy insistence of those who want to reduce my time for enjoying it."
~ Robertson Davies

Area Weather Forecast

La Veta

Date	High	Low	Prec.
03/10	17°	8°	94%
03/11	29°	19°	6%
03/12	42°	29°	2%
03/13	46°	30°	3%
03/14	46°	33°	19%
03/15	54°	37°	1%
03/16	49°	28°	24%
03/17	36°	24°	60%

Walsenburg

Date	High	Low	Prec.
03/10	17°	8°	88%
03/11	30°	17°	10%
03/12	48°	30°	2%
03/13	53°	29°	2%
03/14	51°	33°	19%
03/15	63°	37°	1%
03/16	58°	29°	24%
03/17	41°	23°	60%

Weather Report

Cuchara

Date	High	Low	Conditions
03/02	56°	29°	sunny
03/03	58°	33°	mostly cloudy
03/04	50°	34°	mostly cloudy
03/05	42°	4°	partly sunny
03/06	16°	2°	20" of snow, cloudy
03/07	18°	10°	mostly cloudy
03/08	28°	14°	sunny

Thanks to Dakota Duke's!

Cuchara Snow Report 2021-2022 Season 152.5" 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"

Lives Empowered Grant/Scholarship



Pictured: (left to right) Sarah Jardis, past Spanish Peaks Business Alliance (SPBA) president, Curtis Davidson, SPBA president, Heather Ray, scholarship recipient and community member/student, and Melissa Miller, SPBA secretary/treasurer. Not pictured is the rest of the SPBA board, Heather Curtis, SPBA program director and photographer, and Michelle Tschetter, SPBA marketing/pr director. Photo Credit - Heather Curtis.

by Helena Cappon
HUERFANO — Eight local individuals were awarded educational scholarships thanks to the board of commissioners last October, which approved the Lives Empowered Grant expenditure, offering funds for those pursuing a degree or certificate for advancing their career.

These folks include Heather Ray, Erin McCartney, Mary Jo Tesitor, Shawn DeTray, Peter Major, Mariah Vigil, Malachi Aguirre and Lauren Romero.

The Spanish Peaks Business Alliance is proud to announce that at their most recent board meeting, they awarded the scholarship to the most recent scholarship recipient, Heather Ray of the Best Western Rambler, who has now joined Erin McCartney of the Crafty Canary, and Mary Jo Tesitor of My One Hour Office in starting to use these funds.

Erin McCartney has been able to use her \$880.50 award to take the ServSafe food handler training and test, and Mary Jo Tesitor will be using her \$25 award to attend the SouthEast Housing Panel's online workshop.

Heather Ray will be using her \$5,000 award to attend Western Governors University seeking a bachelor of science in business administration and accounting. She will be completing this in addition to her role as a mom of three, as well as front desk representative at the Best Western Rambler where she has been for over ten years.

Ray has held a variety of positions in the Walsenburg community, including working her way from an entry level budtender to management at a local dispensary, all the while realizing her potential and passion for numbers and accounting.

When the dispensary closed and the pandemic began, Ray realized she

wanted to do more for herself and her family, and enrolled in online classes;

Ray is currently in her second year at Western Governors University. "It is important for me to show my children that you can do anything you put your mind to," Ray said. "I am proud of myself as a native of Walsenburg in pursuing higher education years after I graduated from John Mall, and cannot express enough how much I appreciate the scholarship and the opportunity to meet the board members of Spanish Peaks Business Alliance, and hope to work with them in the future. I hope to provide my accounting services to my community after graduation and appreciate the opportunity to receive this scholarship," said Ray.

Unfortunately, these scholarship awards to these eight individuals are not tied to an ongoing source of funding, so this program will be completed as these eight individuals use their awards for further education.

However, these folks are able to use these scholarships to not only further their own experiences in their various fields, but benefit the community as a whole through using this education to benefit local businesses and people.

The Spanish Peaks Business Alliance and Huerfano County Economic Development are constantly looking for access to more resources such as these to provide more opportunities to residents of the county, and plan on finding more ways to offer scholarships and resources to community members who would like to also further themselves in their fields.

This is only the beginning, as The Spanish Peaks Business Alliance and Huerfano County Economic Development will be making funds available to the remaining five recipients soon, and look forward to finding more opportunities moving forward.

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History

You auto see the new models!

by Nancy Christofferson

OUR WORLD — Back in the day, in the early years of the 20th century, cars were becoming less of a novelty and more of an integral part of daily life. Out in our part of the world, speed, comfort or beauty were less of a consideration for choosing a car than its performance. A car had to be reliable, sturdy and powerful. Accessories were of no importance — it was all about the motor and the chassis. Mountain folks needed proof this contraption really was better than a horse.

The first auto many Walsenburg residents saw was in July 1901 when “an automobile passing through town Tuesday caused a ripple of excitement in our usually monotonous existence.” As late as six years later a 35-horsepower St. Louis Motor Car caused another ripple. A local bought a Chalmers-Detroit, 40-hp, seven seater in 1910. In 1907 a pair of young men made the trip to Trinidad and back in just seven hours. The auto was definitely here to stay.

By that time there were more than a dozen automobiles in Walsenburg, so the owners formed a club. In April that year we read in the paper that two of the town's most prosperous merchants “made a flying trip to Raton and returned the same evening.” These fortunate bigwigs thought nothing of jumping in the car to attend a movie in Trinidad during the 'teens or, gasp, drive all the way to Denver for a convention or shopping spree.

One can imagine the road conditions. Not good. Pavement was rare and mud was common, especially since there were no highways, no bridges, no culverts or mountain pull-outs. In some places, the “roadway,” such as it was, crossed private property so gates had to be opened and closed. It was every man for himself so carrying spare parts, along with fuel and water, was a reality.

It was no accident that immediately after the car culture invaded, the repair garage followed. Tire shops proliferated, even battery outlets became common. Gas stations sprang up in often desolate places. Sometimes a driver could actually find someone who could install, somehow, a heater under the dashboard, somewhere. It was one improvement after another until cars had more add-ons than power.

Walsenburg actually had a store called Auto Plumbing and Electric in 1916. In 1928 another was called Osage Battery and Electric. There were also battery stations for recharges.

Auto jokes, anecdotes and references became all the rage. One example of auto slang in 1922 runs, “Judging from the speed the Huerfano County auto club is making in completing details on the organization and securing of data for the future they must be hitting on six, shifted into high and the throttle wide open.”

In La Veta in early 1905 we read “An automobile caused a sensation in this neck of the woods last Monday.” In April 1909 the paper noted the arrival of the first auto of the season to complete the trip across La Veta Pass. Of course, the driver depended on a local

with horses to pull him into town. The same local assisted a salesman stuck east of town by in 1910 pulling him on in using “four legged” power. The salesman got his car fixed but then wisely decided to continue his trip west on the train.

In fact, for rural Huerfanos, which includes those from the La Veta area, pulling cars with horses became such a popular form of transportation that some farmers subbed in their cars for sleighs when snowdrifts blocked the roadways.

The young Dr. S.J. Lamme is credited with being the first in La Veta to own a car in 1908. Not only did he constantly get derided for his adventures — including turnovers, being stuck in mud or snow or an inconvenient ditch, marooned by broken parts, flat tires, lack of gas and various other common mishaps — but also he was begged for rides here or there in his fancy auto. He soon began advertising those rides for one dollar each way. Guess this could have been Huerfano's first taxi service.

Dr. P.P. Lester Walsenburg also saw the advantages of auto travel. He got a 15 horsepower Ford “for hurry-up calls and incidentally running over the farmer's goats and chickens.” Dr. Lester had the dubious distinction of being the first driver, in 1909, to be almost killed by a train at the Fifth Street crossing.

Sometime in the early days, following the lead, no doubt, of Henry Ford, cars began introducing changes in horsepower, accessories and design each year. Dealers in such things as Durants, Marquettes, Essexes, Rickenbackers, Overland Whippets, Gardners, Maxwells, and Fargo trucks found outlets in the city. Each brand had several models and body styles. By the end of 1921 Huerfano was ranked 19th of Colorado counties in car ownership and “paid \$10,748.62 in license fees for 1,700 autos and 86 trucks.” In 1922 the first advertising insignia on a plate for the Spanish Peaks areas was developed, featuring them in “white enamel with a deep blue sky, a winding roadway and the American shield.”

In 1924 a convertible, though not yet described with that word, came out. The new Studebaker Duplex could be converted from an open car to a closed one in 30 seconds, it claimed. Too, it could go up to 75 miles an hour.

It was in March 1925 the Walsenburg Auto Dealers Association was organized with Tom Young, president. There were about 10 members.

The first Auto Show was in 1925, when “the new Gardner eight-in line” was one of the models introduced. The event, the Auto and Radio show, was held in the Graves-Klein Buick garage on East Sixth. Founded in 1918 by Harry Graves, this building had a concrete floor and measured 90 by 142 feet. It became a favorite venue for the annual because of its size and central location.

“The biggest and most impressive auto show ever” took place in 1928, and in 1929 dealers were so fervent in their beliefs in their line as to have a parade of “old” autos. This year's event, held in the Sears and Sears Motor Company, featured 24 cars from 12 dealers, music and free entertainment. An estimated 7,500 people attended. The fifth annual show, again centered around the Sears building, started with a parade of new models and floats, followed by performances by a nationally known accordion artist and a trick cyclist. One George Kemp was lauded as “the champion car washer of Colorado” due to his 16 years of experience. This big extravaganza drew a reported 5,000 spectators and during the excitement, 15 new models were sold.

During the '30s, despite the Depression and Dust Bowl hardships, Walsenburg supported a dozen dealerships, some of which were repair garages that incidentally held an agency, such as Central Garage with its Hupmobiles and Durants. The Palace Garage sold Chryslers and Plymouths and the Walsenburg Garage handled Nashes.

These auto shows were, for some reason, held in February or March. They appeared most years until the late-'30s when the hard times evidently caused their demise. The 1938 show, it was advertised, had reorganized and while the Jellopie Parade was a feature, afterward these “unsafe” vehicles were burned



on Chico Hill. Held in Lenzini garage in November, the 1938 models were introduced.

In post-war America cars soared in popularity, and the annual show reappeared in a big way. No more accordion music for prosperous merchants. The beauty queens and movie stars reigned over these events nationwide. In 1949 Walsenburg had seven dealerships with a payroll of \$110,000 for the 50-some employees. The cars were featured in numerous buildings said to be worth \$250,000. The sellers handled the sales of about 300 cars a year and in '49, sales were about 15 to 20 percent above the previous years.

In May 1952 an auto show, said to be the first since before the war, took place in the spacious Santi Motor Company buildings. The beauty queens were not only there to show off new models but Miss Walsenburg 1952 would be chosen there. She was Angie Tesitor.

The '53 show opened with a parade that included the Huerfano County High School band. Candidates for the queen included several from Walsenburg as well as Elvira Gonzales of Aguilar. Home town girl Theresa Sportsman apparently won the title for which she received a \$100 prize.

After this, the annual hoopla devolved into each dealership choosing its own time to highlight their newest models and features. Through the '60s and 'early 70s two of the bigger dealerships, Santi and Lenzini, had all types of entertainment, refreshments, and door prizes for extra attractions to get prospective buyers in to inspect the new models. Santi, for instance, had its special Edsel display in 1958 with much hoopla, and, in 1962, featured a dazzling display of shiny new Mercurys, including the Comet, Meteor and Monterey. In 1970 Lenzini was proud to introduce the new four-cylinder Vega 2300, a more modest vehicle for more modest wallets.

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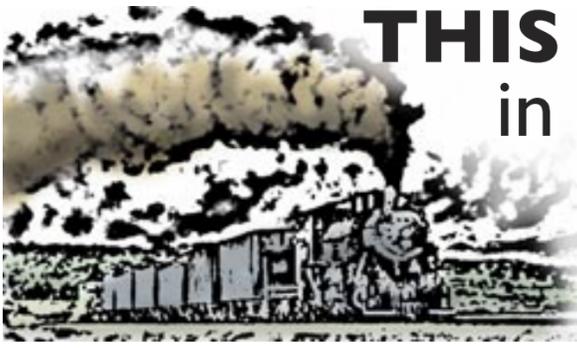
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THIS WEEK in History

by
Nancy
Christofferson

Walsenburg

1882: Fred Walsen just returned from El Paso del Norte in Mexico where he reports fruit trees of all kinds are in full bloom.

1897: We understand a certain young gentleman bachelor is buying furniture, whether the set includes two rockers or one we have not yet heard.

1902: There are 12 coal mines within 12 miles of Walsenburg and they produced 900,000 tons in 1900. The coal sells at \$2 a ton at the mine. About 1,200 men are employed and the payroll totals \$864,000 annually.

1907: The Walsenburg and Western Railroad was incorporated to build a line from Walsenburg to Westcliffe, with branches to the St. Mary community and Malachite where it would go west to cross Mosca Pass into the San Luis Valley.

1912: Andrew Todd, a miner working at Strong, was held up and robbed of \$300 near Manuel Sandoval's saloon.

1917: A 22-piece Italian band and a new Italian war picture will be the features at the Walsen YMCA next Tuesday evening.

1922: A \$500 reward is being offered by Francisco Pacheco for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person who killed his brother Juan B. Pacheco on the 17th day of January 1922.

1927: The Walsenburg sign on Capitol Hill, which is 20 feet high and 100 feet long with 270 light globes, will be turned on for the first time Thursday night.

1932: Harold Woodruff was awarded first place in the eighth grade oratorical contest in Washington School Friday and will represent Walsen School in the county contest this Friday.

1937: Harold Woodruff, son of Mrs. Kate E. Woodruff, Walsenburg teacher, was elected secretary of the International Relations Club for the Southwest Conference, representing the New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell where he attends.

1942: Fri-Sat at the Fox Theater, Walt Disney's "Dumbo" plus Tim Holt in "Six-Gun Gold" and the last chapter of "The Iron Claw".

1947: Dominic "Dick" Federico, a registered pharmacist and lifelong resident of Aguilar, has been added to the staff of Star Drug.

1952: The first step for getting television reception in the Walsenburg business district was the installation of an antenna on the Mazzone building next to the Unique Shop yesterday under the supervision of Johnny Fugal.

1962: The seven coal mines still operating in Huerfano County produced 6,909 tons in January. The mines are Calumet #2, Morning Glory, Maitland #1, Gordon, Major 3, Rugby #6 and Black Hawk.

1967: New members of the National Honor Society at Walsenburg High School are Kirk Ladendorf, Joe Stinson, P.C. Murr, Robert Johnson, Melvin Martinez, Janice Visich, Juanita Quintana, Abel Martinez, Theresa Savala and Margie Tomassi.

1972: About 50 people from Walsenburg, La Veta, Colorado Springs and Gardner attended the benefit chili and cake and bingo party sponsored by the senior citizens in the Gardner Community Center February 27.

1977: The new Search and Rescue Team is receiving instruction in first aid. Bob Price of Walsenburg is president, Greg Culbreath, La Veta, vice president, Nancy Culbreath, La Veta, secretary and Judy Johnson, Walsenburg, treasurer.

1982: The federal government will spend approximately a quarter million to a half million dollars in Huerfano and Las Animas counties in reclamation projects on inactive coal mines. Huerfano will get 12 mines in the Gordon area and five in the Rockland-Solar area reclaimed.

1987: Duran Construction won the bid for rebuilding the north wall of the Re-1 School District bus garage on Main, which was heavily damaged when the Candlelight hotel burned down, with the bid of \$10,456.

1992: Huerfanos cast their votes in the first Colorado Presidential Primary Tuesday using the new voting machines. Just 30 percent of the registered voters cast ballots in the state's first primary to give Clinton 23 votes and President George Bush 114.

La Veta

1880: J.M. Francisco, Fred Pischel and H.A. Tanner were named to the committee to ascertain the cost of repairing the bridge on Front Street as well as the town irrigation ditch.

NEW BUSINESS

An Oxbow in the course of Huerfano County contractors

by Helena Cappon

WEALSENBURG — As cities across Colorado become increasingly bustling and popular in both tourism and lifestyle, many Coloradoans can be seen heading to the southern region of the state, as it is one of the last beautiful places that is simultaneously attainable and consistent in comparison to places like Denver, Colorado Springs, Buena Vista, Glenwood Springs, or Steamboat Springs.

Cam Adams of Oxbow Construction found home in Walsenburg after living and watching the drastic changes taking place in both Denver and Steamboat Springs. After coming to the area to visit friends and work on a project, Adams knew that this could be the place for him, and has now set up shop in Walsenburg at 510 Main St., Unit A.

Adams' trade is construction, and something he has been practicing since he was self-employed in the field at 26 years old. He has experience in residential builds and renovations from start to finish, and can work anything from a high-end home to fix and flips and handiwork; he has even had experience working on the 2015 *Sunset Magazine* concept house of the year.

Part of what makes Adams stand out in his trade is his attention to customer service and experience. It is important to him and his company that clients are well communicated with, understood, and not left hanging as he has heard and seen as something that happens often with other contractors; he prides himself in never having a warranty call.

Additionally, he understands what it means to navigate the changing lumber costs and difficulties of sourcing materials in a rural area. Adams is working to make himself even more available to the needs of his clients by focusing his certification as a general contractor to be completed by the end

of the year.

As Adams puts it, Oxbow Construction is "bringing a new taste to construction in the area." His is a welcome and encouraged presence, as we see Walsenburg and Huerfano County as a whole become home to more folks eager to start businesses and help the community thrive by being a part of it.

If one would like to learn more about Oxbow Construction, one may find Adams' portfolio on Instagram @oxbowconstruct, or email them directly at oxbowconstruct@gmail.com.

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Cam Adams, owner of Oxbow Construction stands by his recently branded door at 510 Main Street. Photo by Helena Cappon

1885: Town Board had a special meeting to arrange for a ditch to be dug along the west side of the river on Francisco Street from the culvert to keep the water from running down Front Street.

1890: Much discussion was heard by the town board regarding "cymetra Sailes". [cemetery sales].

1895: The Alamo is now to be known as the La Veta Hotel as indicated by the neat sign painted by Will Woodruff, who is quite an artist.

1900: The removal of the house on the west side of the creek bought by Will Woodruff has begun its journey east and is nearing the bridge. Once across the river the spring winds are expected to carry it the rest of the way.

1905: John Stranger has finally moved into his new stone building on Ryus Avenue which he has fitted up with new shelving, showcases, counters, etc., for a general store. The hall upstairs is already in use.

1910: Town Council ordered 100 ash trees and 100 elm trees for the railroad park and which, with the 100 box elders already ordered, should make plenty of shade even if only half of them grow.

1915: A Mr. Griffith, brother of the well known rancher on the Huerfano, has moved to La Veta and will be followed by three more brothers from Ohio and California.

1920: We note that the list of precincts issued by the county commissioners shows that Precinct #21, formerly Lester, has been abandoned, along with Precincts 26, 28, 34, 37, 38, 41, 42 and 45. This gives Huerfano County just 37 voting precincts.

1925: The Citizens party met and selected its slate for the coming town election. W.J. Metz is running for mayor, W.H. Harrison, treasurer, J.P. Stranger, clerk, and Jake Tessari, J.W. Boyd and F.M. Eggleston, trustees.

1930: A change in election laws calls for small towns to have an election every other year instead of annually.

1935: A farmer is said to have actually counted the feathers on a chicken and found there were 8,537. Better check it.

1940: La Veta was in the dark for two hours Friday evening when a transmission line of the La Veta Light Heat and

Power Company was put out of commission by a broken wire near Walsenburg.

1945: A new judicial district was carved out of the Third and the new 15th District consists of just Huerfano and Las Animas counties.

1950: A large number of guests attended the chamber of commerce dinner and meeting in the Park Lane Hotel last Friday evening, causing extra tables to be set up in the lobby because the restaurant only seats 75.

1955: The board of trustees of the Town of La Veta set a special election for April 12 to approve the installation of a covered pipeline between the intake point and the reservoir. An estimated 30 percent of the water is now lost. The cost of the construction will raise water bills from \$20 to \$30 annually.

1960: Born March 1 to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wagner, their fifth child and third son, who has been named George Frederick.

1965: Died, Richard Charlifue, 16, of strep throat and flu. He was president of the junior class, football team quarterback and basketball player. He has lived in La Veta the past two years with his grandmother Annie Sanchez, who survives, along with his parents Richard and Molly, siblings Kenneth and Molly, all of Denver, and maternal grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Dan Griego of La Veta.

1970: John and Nola Geiser purchased the La Veta Oil Company station from the Kopine brothers who had it 21 years.

1975: Winners in the district Future Business Leaders of America conference were Susan Leatherwood, Geneva Smith and Leslie Denton.

1980: The Library bake sale earned \$85 toward a new vacuum sweeper.

1985: La Veta Library is now free and clear of debt after an anonymous donation of \$4,840.

1990: Joe Cordova and Ernie Fognani leased The Timbers Restaurant in Cuchara and will open April 26.

1995: Warren Evans will entertain members of the Friends of the Arts Guild tonight at the regular meeting in The Gallery with a program of romantic oldies on the piano.

ADVERTORIAL

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by Mary Jo Tesitor
WALSENBURG — Pre-COVID, who would have imagined wearing a mask into the bank to withdraw money or purchasing the most common objects from a regional warehouse rather than at the local market?

Along with those crazy realities, one of the most life-changing results of the COVID pandemic on the business world is "remote employment", otherwise known as working from home.

After the pandemic ends, it is predicted that many employees will adopt permanent remote work status, feeling they can get more done outside office walls. Southern Colorado is currently seeing an influx of these remote workers who enjoy affordable rural life while continuing urban employment.

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Walsenburg URA board met Tuesday

by E.E. Mullens

WALSENBURG — The Walsenburg Urban Renewal Authority Board heard an optimistic presentation this week from Carlton Croft of the Huerfano County Economic Development and Tourism department regarding recently sold and on-the-market properties that could meet federal opportunity zone requirements for new development.

Croft and David Sheridan, who put together the presentation, said it is being used as market teaser for potential developers.

The presentation outlined a number of properties both inside and outside of the URA boundaries, but despite recent real estate transactions, the board was left with a chicken and egg question. Which should come first, infrastructure repairs and upgrades, or private development resulting in the need for infrastructure work by the city?

Some of the properties discussed

included a potential for an RV park on land near I-25 off of Ideal Road; the old Studebaker building at 201 Main St., the Antique Mall property at 137 W. Seventh, the Hill School at 116 Polk, and the One Table building at 512 Main Street. Discussions also touched on the recently purchased old fire equipment manufacturing building at 408 Russell and the Spanish Peaks Regional Health Center's Women's Clinic building at 129 Kansas Avenue.

Housing and new economic development were the general topics in the presentation.

The board also discussed the URA budget, which will be the topic, with a public hearing at the April 2022 meeting of the authority.

Once the budget is adopted, the board will face the question of potentially hiring a consultant to assist the authority in development of a plan of action to move urban renewal forward in the Walsenburg community.



The Maxwell Lady Bears. Courtesy photo.

LADY BEARS WIN FIRST ROUND OF STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

by Lillian Eva Lieske
MAXWELL — In an exciting first round game the Lady Bears of Maxwell beat the Magdalena Steers, at home, in the first round of the NMAA Girls Class A State Basketball Championship.

The Lady Bears outscored the Lady Steers in every quarter except the 3rd with both teams even with 14 points in the 3rd quarter. The Lady Bears stayed on top the

entire game with Magdalena's Kambree Montoya doing well at the free throw line with 6 pts and hitting some baskets.

But it wasn't enough to combat the shooting power of Maxwell's **Audriana Apodoca**. The Lady Bears 5" 2" senior led scoring for the Lady Bears with a Max Preps scoreboard of 22 points. With a strong presence by Maxwell's seniors, #23 **Alexis Hoy**, #20 **Shiann Weisdorfer**, and

#24 **Destiny Gallegos**, to move the Lady Bears to the win.

Overall it was a team effort and with Coach Jimmy Apodocca at the helm for the Lady Bears, the second round looks promising.

Maxwell lost 48-42 to Ft. Sumner/House squad in Ft. Sumner on March 8, ending their season.

RATON SEASON ENDS AT THE HANDS OF INDIAN SCHOOL

by Billy Donati
KRTN Multi-Media
RATON — It's a team sport, so to say one person won the game is usually not the case, but Santa Fe Indian School's Leighton Galvan came close to that lofty praise.

The senior poured in a trio of three-pointers in the first quarter and was nine of 10 from the free throw line to help his Braves team defeat Raton 46 - 40 in the first round of 16 for 3A boys on March 5 in Raton.

The Tigers were seeded # 6 in the tournament and had defeated SFIS twice before in District 2AAA action earlier, so the Tigers had the advantage coming into the game, but that advantage was quickly erased by Galvan.

Raton was led in scoring by Lalo Tafoya 13 (10 in the fourth quarter); Matthew Quartieri 9; Dylan Quartieri 7; Cayden Walton 5; William Berry 4; Chance Middlebrook 2

Raton finished the season 16-9 and had a District 2AAA record of 7-3. The Tigers will lose a total of eight seniors off the roster; William Berry, Chance Kamp, Chase Kamp, Jesse Kelley, Chance Middlebrook, Dylan Quartieri, Matthew Quartieri, and Gerardo Urquijo-Tafoya (Lalo).

PRIMERO COMES IN THIRD, ADVANCES TO REGIONALS

by Ruth Stodghill
PRIMERO — It's been a season of grit and growth for the Primero Bulldogs basketball team - and that story didn't change when the boys advanced to the Region 6 playoff tournament last week, where they were pitted against the Wiley Panthers in the opening round.

It was a feat for the Bulldogs to advance to this level of postseason play, given that the team is composed almost entirely of freshmen, led by two seniors: guard **Michael Damelio** and forward/center **Johnny Rivera**.

Damelio has dominated the court offensively this season, averaging 20.1 points per game. Rivera, a towering presence on the court, has led Primero in rebounds and blocking. Combined with breakout freshman point guard **Brett Kendall**, the Bulldogs have tenaciously fought their way through the season and into postseason play, narrowly qualifying for regionals after a two-point loss to Springfield and a three-point win against La Veta.

With a 15-7 record, the Wiley Panthers have a 68.2% win record for the season, and were in the fourth seed position at regionals. Compared to the 14-8 Bulldogs, ranked in the ninth seed with a 63.6% win record, Wiley would be a formidable opponent for the boys from Primero.

Primero struggled from the opening buzzer to compete with Wiley in the paint; boasting five players on the roster taller than six feet, the Panthers' sheer physical-

ity on the court effectively held back many of the Bulldogs' attempts to score. This led to a Primero defeat by a score of 47-30.

"While Primero never really challenged the Panthers, they never quit, either," said Primero superintendent and color commentator Blake Byall. "Our team fought against a huge disparity in height and a crowd that seemed more partial than neutral. Which is not surprising, considering Wiley's proximity to the host site of La Junta. After falling behind early and struggling to stay within single digits of the higher ranked Panthers, a late push by the Bulldogs revived some hope of late heroics that were not to come."

"Still, the playoff experience will prove invaluable for the younger players (five freshman and a sophomore) who will have to lead in developing the future of Bulldogs basketball," Byall said.

"The end of a season is usually sad for all but one team out there. Primero set many team goals that were achieved during the course of the season. Making it to regional play was one of them. The entire school is proud of this team, and is intrigued by what the returning players can forge in the years to come."

3/4/2022 Primero boys -v- Wiley					
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	FINAL
Primero	7	2	11	10	30
Wiley	14	7	15	11	47

LADY FARMERS FALL SHORT IN BASKETBALL REGIONAL FINALS

by David J. Santistevan Jr.
CEDAREDDGE — The Hoehne Lady Farmers beat Rangely 58-42 on Friday, March 4 to advance to the Colorado State Girls Basketball Region 6 Championship against Cedaredge the next day.

Hoehne made a valiant effort in the championship game, at one point tying the game 26-26 after a Hoehne three-pointer early in the fourth quarter. But Cedaredge shot 6 of 10 from the free-throw late in the fourth quarter, giving Cedaredge the 35-29 Region 6 title win and a berth a this week's Class 2AA Girls Great Eight State Tournament.

In Saturday's game the Hoehne girls fell down 8-0 in the first quarter, then scored 11 points in the second period to cut the deficit to 17-11.

The Lady Farmers played good defense early in the second half, but committed some fouls early in the third quarter. At the end of the third quarter Hoehne had cut the lead to 26-21.

Early in the fourth **Janae Ramos** hit a shot, and with six minutes to go in the game, **Carli Valdez** drained a big three-pointer to tie the game at 26-26. Then, the Farmers went cold and Cedaredge took advantage of Hoehne's foul trouble. The Lady Farmers did hit one more three-pointer but still fell short, as Cedaredge went 6 of 10 from the free-throw line to escape with the six point win.

Cedaredge was 18-29 from the free-throw line, ultimately the game making difference. Hoehne attempted eight free throws and only made two of them. When the Lady Farmers shot from the

field, they went 5 of 8 from long distance (three-pointers) for 32% from the field, Hoehne was strong on defense, causing 22 Cedaredge turnovers, and forcing them to shoot 8 of 46 from the field for 17%. Hoehne committed 17 turnovers with 13 of those being unforced.

Nevaeh Martinez scored five points, with eight rebounds, four assists and two steals in her final game as a Lady Farmer. **Janae Ramos** added six rebounds and two steals. **Alessa Cantoria** had eight points, and hit two of three on three-pointers. **Jessica Sakariason** added eight points, and went two for two on three point attempts.

Hoehne in the this loss the Cedaridge had eight team steals, 24 team rebounds, and 10 team assists. Cedaredge had 34 team rebounds (19 offensive rebounds) and four team assists.

For Friday night's semi-final game stats against Rangely, Hoehne shot a scorching 58% from the field, 3 of 6 from the three-point line but only 9 of 23 from the free-throw line. Valdez had 10 points in Friday's win, hitting two from long distance and going 5 of 6 from the charity stripe. Martinez had a game high 12 points, 6 assists and 4 steals. **Janelle Ramos** added six, and Cantoria had nine points. The Ladies had 22 team rebounds, 20 team assists, 14 team steals, 6 team blocks but turned the ball over 18 times.

Though the Lady Farmers will lose Martinez and Valdez to graduation, they'll return many experienced players with more players coming up from the middle school.

PLAYOFF SEASON ENDS FOR KIM/BRANSON

Lady Mustangs fall to Sierra Grande in semifinals

by Dave Santistevan
LA JUNTA — Coach Justin Winford, in the opinion of many around high school basketball in Colorado, has gotten a lot done with his players since taking over the Kim/Branson High School girls basketball program in 2012.

Last weekend in La Junta, Coach Winford's girls played hard, but lost to Sierra Grande (12-11) 40-28 in the Class 1A Girls Region 3 Bracket 3 Semi-Finals.

Kim fell down 8-2 early in the contest, but went on a run in the second quarter to cut the Sierra Grande lead in half. Junior **Emmalee Buhrl** had a heck of a game for the short handed Lady Mustangs, finishing a pretty good stat line, with 17 points on 6 of 12 shooting. Buhrl went 5 of 8 from the free-throw line, and added 7 steals, 7 boards and 3 blocks. Lady Mustang senior **Ashton Elliot** added 7 points, and grabbed 10 rebounds. On defense she was solid with 5 steals. Senior **Raevyn Odum** added 7 rebounds, 4 assists and 4 steals.

Both team shot under 24% from the field. Kim/Branson went 7 of 10 from the free-throw line, and out rebounded Sierra Grande 35 to 23.

Sierra Grande went 15 of 27 from the free-throw line while the Lady Mustangs were 7 of 12 from the charity stripe.

Mustang boys lose in regional finals

LA JUNTA — The Mustangs (13-10) beat Moffat last Friday in La Junta 36-29, to set up a date with the unbeaten Sierra Grande Panthers on Saturday in the Region 3 Bracket 2 finals.

Unfortunately for Kim/Branson, in Saturday's game, Sierra Grande jumped out fast, scoring 22 points in the first quarter, ultimately pulling away from the Mustangs 54-35 to punch their ticket to the 2022 Colorado Class 1A State Boys Hoops Tournament. Sierra Grande has a neutral Great 8 playoff game against Dove Creek on March 10.

In contrast, the Mustangs' win on Friday was a good game for Kim/Branson. Junior **Cade Smith** went 5 of 8 shooting from the field and scored 10 points to go along with 7 rebounds and 3 steals. Sophomore **Brock Doherty** added 6 points, 5 boards and 4 assists. Senior **Isaac Provost** had a game high 10 rebounds and game high 5 steals. Kim/Branson shot 28% from the field, 5 of 13 from the free-throw line with 18 team turnovers, 13 steals, and the Mustangs outrebounded Moffat 31 to 26.

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Officers seize 530.5 grams of drugs following high speed chase

by Bill Knowles
TRINIDAD — A high-speed chase on Sunday ended with Trinidad police officers seizing 530.5 grams of suspected drugs and four guns.

Officers gave chase after attempting to stop a vehicle driven by Jeremy Vigil, who was known to have a warrant for his arrest for a parole violation. After Vigil eluded officers, Trinidad Dispatch Center alerted them a black SUV had crashed into a shed at 2619 Aguilar Drive, and the male driver was seen running from the accident carrying a duffle bag, and heading toward Saddle Road.

Officers located Vigil in the 2500 block of Garfield and took him into custody.

Vigil didn't have the duffle bag in his possession when apprehended, but it was found after a search of the area. Inside the bag were two handguns, one shotgun and multiple gun magazines.

Detectives obtained a search warrant for the vehicle and Vigil's hotel room. The search of the vehicle yielded another bag containing a shotgun, ammunition, and gun magazines. A search of the motel room resulted

in officers finding and seizing a variety of suspected drugs and drug paraphernalia.

The drugs were transported to the police department, weighed and field tested. A total of 530.5 grams of drugs were seized. 104.0 grams field tested positive for fentanyl compound or methamphetamine, 32.0 grams field tested positive for cocaine, 351.0 grams field tested positive for methamphetamine. Also seized were multiple packages of small round blue in-color pills marked "M" and "30" weighing 43.5 grams and are suspected to be fentanyl.

One of the recovered guns was reported stolen from Volusia County in Florida.

Vigil was booked at the Las Animas County Jail for the parole violation warrant and now faces additional charges of possession with intent to distribute, a class 1 drug felony; special offender, a class 1 drug felony; vehicular eluding, a class 5 felony; possessing a dangerous weapon, a class 5 felony; three counts of possession of weapon by previous offender, a class 6 felony; criminal mischief \$5,000



Booking photo of Jeremy Vigil following arrest and booking on alleged drug and weapons violations, taken on Sunday March 6, 2022. Photo courtesy Las Animas County Detention

to \$20,000, a class 5 felony; unlawful possession of a controlled substance (schedule I), a class 4 drug felony; three counts of unlawful possession of a controlled substance (schedule ii), a class 4 drug felony; reckless endangerment, a class 2 misdemeanor; five counts of possession of large-capacity ammunition magazine, a class 2 misdemeanor; theft less than \$300, a petty offense; and leaving scene after striking unattended property, a class 2 traffic misdemeanor.

CREATE Academy discusses strategies for NE NM Economic Development

by Sharon Niederman
COLFAX — Take three years, seven counties, and \$300,000 and what do you get? The Northeast Economic Development Organization (NEEDO-NM), with funding support from New Mexico State University and WalMart, is tackling the effects of the pandemic as well as long term economic issues with surveys of employers and employees, data gathering, and forums in DeBaca, Harding, San Miguel, Mora, Quay, and Union Counties.

The Colfax County presentation was held March 2, 2022 over a working lunch at Pappas' Sweet Shop, stimulating an engaged conversation among two dozen business owners and members of civic organizations from Raton, Cimarron, and Springer.

Titled the Create Bridges Academy/ Strategies & Actions Workshop, the discussion ranged from ways to find employees to the creation of affordable housing. Colfax County Commissioner Bret Wier of Angel Fire has focused on the housing issue, seen as key to economic expansion. Wier suggested Colfax County has the resources to create a revolving fund capable of extending low-interest loans for the creation of affordable housing.

According to Tim Hagaman, Regional Representative of North Eastern Front Range Community, Business and

Development Team, the Create Bridges project is intended to "Raise awareness of the role that retail, tourism, accommodations, and entertainment businesses play in local/rural economies, to determine challenges and barriers that may negatively impact those businesses, and finally, the end goal is to develop and implement strategies to strengthen retail, accommodations, tourism, and entertainment sectors within the region."

Other presenters were Pat Vanderpool of Tucumcari economic development and NEEDO-NM leader and Michael Patrick from NMSU.

Hagaman shared the dining place maps, pocket maps, and visitor center maps for outdoor recreation the project has already produced. Highlighted in the comprehensive giveaway visitor center guides are museums, ghost towns, state parks, whitewater, and tourist information centers.

Customer service training for front line workers is on the wish list for local employers. Worker housing incentives are sought equally throughout the seven county region.

"Once Quay and De Baca Counties conclude their academies this month, the County Committee Leads will determine what, where, who, when and how subsequent activities will be implemented this year," Hagaman said.

NEW BUSINESS

How about coffee finished bacon with your coffee?

by Sharon Niederman
RATON — Like starlets showing off their best features, rib eye steaks dry aged sixty days, filets actually four inches thick, roasts, and smoked sausages arrayed under the lights in the room-length wall freezer at High Country Meats' new market, are each beautiful in their own way. Three kinds of bacon are piled high, including the popular peppered bacon and the house coffee-finished. After the bacon is smoked, it is dusted with finely-ground coffee beans. Green chile links, both hot and extra hot look tempting. "We use only Hatch chile," Alexis Dixon says, "at least a thousand pounds a year."

The culmination of the family's dream, and at least a year of planning and construction, opening day of the retail market is in sight. The grand opening will be March 26, 2022, and samples will be served.

Alexis shows off the tri tip roasts, and racks of baby back ribs wrapped in two layers of butcher paper. Simply remove the outer layer of paper and place in the oven at 400 degrees for ribs to die for. They come with a rub on them. "Take them home and get them in the oven for one hour and twenty minutes, and you will be a hero. "Your guests will think you've spent the day fussing over them in the smoker."

Known locally and in the region as the place to



Lee Dixon, one of the proprietors of High Country Meats. Photo by Sharon Niederman.

get your meat processed, High Country Meats is actually booked two years out for that service, Alexis says, and many bring in their "beebes" every year. Their reputation brings customers from Albuquerque to Denver, and many in-between. The original business started in 1960, but the Dixon family acquired it in 1986.

The new shop will sell special spices and rubs, "you can't get at the supermarket," Alexis says. "Our folks will offer

advice on how to cook whatever cut you purchase. Eventually we'll make a little book of recipes customers have offered over the years."

"We listen to our customers. Whatever is popular with customers, we will stock more of," she said.

High Country Meats is located at 340 Colfax Ave. in Raton.

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Raton City Commissioners discuss vacant building appeals at length

by Marty Mayfield
KRTN Multi-Media
RATON — Raton City Commissioners met Tuesday, March 8, for their first regular meeting of the month, and discussion and appeals to the new vacant building ordinance took up the bulk of the meeting.

The discussion of the appeals centered on what is or isn't considered a vacant building. The commission voted to abate the registration fee and visit both vacant building designations (201 Galisteo and 324 S 11th Ave) in six months to see what improvements the owners have made.

The building at 201 Galisteo is more of a hobby building, said Mayor Pro-Tem Linde Schuster where work is done periodically, and the building is not open to the public and does not generate gross receipts for the city. Also, brought up by the owners Robert and Janice Powledge, was the insurance issue should the building be labeled as vacant. Insurance companies look at vacant buildings as a greater risk and thus premiums are higher. The owners have agreed to make outside improvements to the building to enhance its curb appeal as to make it look less of a vacant building.

The property at 324 S 11th Ave is a residential property and under renovation. It is occupied on weekends, and according to one of the owners, Bill Patrado, there is a low flow toilet and shower in the house. One of the things the city has used in their determination of a vacant building is the utility usage. Since the house is only occupied on weekends at this point utility usage is less than a family of four which was used as a determining factor.

Mike Gatti addressed the commission and said he had received four notices for the properties his family owns on South Fourth Street. He told commissioners his family is not typical, and that some of the properties they own are considered to be guest houses used by visiting relatives. Therefore, those houses didn't meet the utility requirement either, as the occupancy is only occasional. Gatti went on to ask why utility billings are used as a determination for vacancy when all of his buildings have their own meter, and a garage

too, which use minimal electricity since it is only used once in a while and not lived in. Gatti told commissioners they really missed the boat on this one, missing the intent of the ordinance and losing the spirit of the law, and that they really need to take another look at this ordinance.

After several discussions with other residents, Commissioner Ron Chavez agreed, saying this ordinance will be looked at again in October, and Mayor Neal Segotta said it is a living document.

In other city business, commissioners approved the lodger's tax board recommendation to approve the request for more light pole brackets to hold banners for the summer. They also approved the MOU with Raton Little League, pending the inclusion of the safety plan with the agreement.

Commissioners approved Amendment #3, changing the name on the lease agreement with Jason Bennet to Dead Eye Distillery for the lease on the Armory at Crews Field. This was a change required by the New Mexico Alcohol and Gaming Division.

Commissioners also approved the celebration permits for Colfax Ale Cellars for the Grow Raton Business Networking event on March 26 and Blü Dragonfly Brewing for the High Country Meats open house, also on March 26.

Commissioners will set a date for a work session in late April or early May for budget discussions and other topics once city manager Scott Berry comes up with a list of topics.

Berry went over several infrastructure improvement projects the city has completed or is ongoing, reporting the total cost of the projects is over \$13.4 million, with nearly all funding coming from outside sources. Road construction is the top dollar item with over \$4.125 million being spent on streets, \$1.9 million on economic development projects, \$1.92 million on utility work, and \$1.678 million being spent at the airport. \$2.693 million is being spent on public safety with the fire department getting the big chunk of change there.

Commissioners will meet again on March 22, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Trinidad has gained another 5 stars with recent addition of 5 Star Bank

by Helena Cappon

TRINIDAD — When one steps into the recently restored 5 Star Bank located at 125 North Commercial Street, they are greeted with kind faces, exceptional customer service, and many relics from the past proudly on display. Thanks to Downtown Trinidad Development

Company, 5 Star Bank has been occupying the old bank space since May 2021 with installations and pieces dating back to its original opening in the 1920s. The original crown molding, stained glass, bank vaults and marble are glittering and gleaming, once more a part of a bustling business.

Senior Vice President and Branch Manager, Laura Aiello, walked us through the updated space pointing out all the classic architecture and design. The space goes so far as to pay homage to the original tin ceilings, with panels of it displayed on walls in the entryway.

Aiello is a proud Trinidadian, and one who has been offering her banking services and experience for over 25 years with 16 of them being in Trinidad. What stands 5 Star Bank apart from others is that Aiello is not only the branch manager and senior vice president, but a lender as well, making her available and on site constantly for folks interested in using the bank's loan services.

Between Aiello's experience and commitment to her community, she has a keen passion and desire to help customers through her knowledge of lending, personal and banking solutions. "You have to have the right loan officer; education to me is very important for all customers," explains Aiello as she elaborates on the plethora of loan offers the bank has available to their clientele.

As Aiello puts it, "a variety of products sets us apart from our customers," referring to the multitude of options they have for all kinds of patrons. From consumer real estate lending, to flexible mortgage options, 5 Star Bank has the

ability to work with folks from many backgrounds and histories to find what is right for them.

What is more, is the faces behind 5 Star bank are all local. Aiello is not the only employee of the bank who has experience and commitment to the area, as the rest of the team are also proud Trinidadians. Considering that the bank is locally owned and operated, it only makes sense that this institution is dedicated to serving the community their team has been a part of for years.

The culture within 5 Star Bank is centered heavily on working with folks of all different banking needs to find the right solution, and also educate on the vast number of solutions available to them before making a decision. Aiello goes on to explain that even if some folks are not quite ready to dive into a loan, she works with them to ensure readiness by articulating ways to build credit and more.

Even if you do not need a pre-approval for a home loan or a new checking account, it is worth it to stop in to 5 Star Bank if only to see the beautifully restored space, and original bank vault.

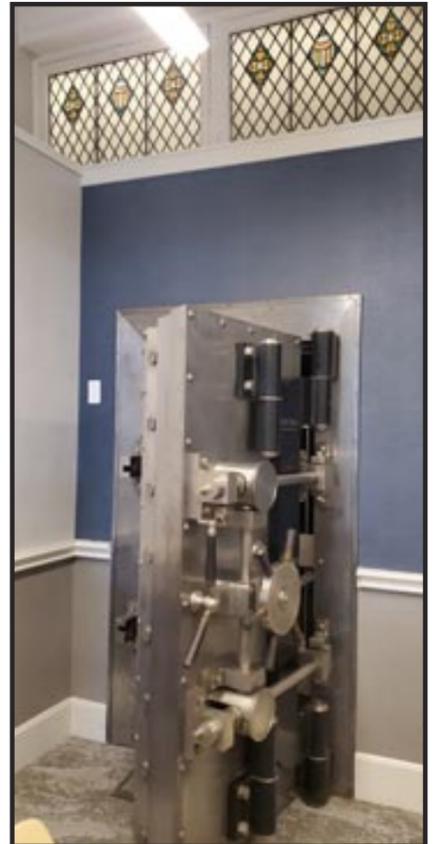
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The interior of 5 Star Bank welcomes guests with original ceilings, crown molding, marble, and more, truly depicting the grandeur of days and banks past. Photo by Helena Cappon



The original bank vault from the 1920s is once more in use, a part of the banking tradition of the Champions Center in Trinidad. Photo by Helena Cappon

New Elk Coal appoints new management team

staff report

WESTON — Transitioning from its startup year into sustained operations the New Elk Coal company has appointed four new senior leaders

to oversee the operations for the 25-year life of mine.

Jon Romcke has been appointed Chief Executive Officer of Allegiance Coal effective April 28,

2022.

In conjunction with his 40-year career in coal mining Romcke earned with major producers including Xstrata (Glencore) and BHP and is currently General Manager Development, Stanmore Resources, a mid-tier Australian coal mining company. Jon will join Allegiance Coal starting May after his

notice period expires.

Randy Wiles, who started with New Elk as the Production Manager in June 2021, has been promoted to the position of General Manager. Randy brings over 40-years of operational experience with a particular focus on productivity optimization and health and safety in underground mines.

Saravanan Sivapathasundaram, Chief Financial Officer, joined New Elk in October 2021. Siva holds an MBA in Finance and International Trade, is a certified Public Accountant and has 30 years of corporate financial management experience, 13 years of that in the coal sector.

Bill Stormes was welcomed to the team January 2022 as the Chief Mining Engineer. Bill holds a Bachelor of



Jon Romcke, new CEO of Allegiance Coal the owners and operators of the New Elk Coal Mine in Las Animas County. Photo courtesy Allegiance Coal Company

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Trinidad State recognizes some of its outstanding employees



Fred Eichler (left), a television host on his own hunting show, is getting TSC Faculty of the Year Ryan Newport's help in mounting a scope for his mother-in-law to hunt turkeys. Photo courtesy TSC staff

by Margaret Sanderson

TRINIDAD — Aristotle said, "We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence then, is not an act, but a habit." In that spirit, every year each of the 13 Colorado Community Colleges recognize outstanding employees as selected by their peers.

Ryan Newport, Division Chair/Professor of Gunsmithing, was recognized as Faculty of the Year for his contributions to the gunsmithing program and as division chair overseeing eight different CTE (Career & Technical Education) programs. Newport, a 2004 Trinidad State gunsmithing graduate, has taught at the college for eleven years. After graduation he worked at Browning Firearms before returning to teach in Trinidad.

"Growing up in Colorado, I was in a family of hunting and shooting sports. It was a part of our daily life - a passion I've had since I was a young child. I didn't even know gunsmithing existed at Trinidad

State," said Newport. "It was a no brainer to make that choice, to leave my fire fighter medic career, and move from northern Colorado to southern Colorado."

Newport teaches firearm repair, custom pistol smithing and shotgun smithing at the college and operates his own firearms repair and refinishing shop at his home. The rest of his time is dedicated to his wife and two teenagers.

Marc Wilson was recognized as the Instructor of the Year. He teaches English Composition part-time and brings with him 30 years of experience from a community college in Indiana.

In 2013 after traveling the west over the decades, Wilson and his wife chose to purchase land in Trinidad where they would build their retirement home. "It seemed like a good fit," said Wilson. "I've always loved the mountains."

While in the process of monitoring the construction of their new home, Wilson took a break to explore the area. Dressed in his ragged shorts and a ripped t-shirt, he set off on foot and discovered the college where he entered the Berg building. He was looking at college literature when someone approached asking if she could help. He soon found himself in the Dean's office, though he certainly wasn't dressed for an interview. "It impressed me that people there were more interested in getting things done than following any particular conventions," said Wilson.

Wilson has taught hybrid (on-line and in person) courses in English composition and literature at the college since 2015.



Instructor of the Year: Marc Wilson, a part-time English Composition Instructor, with 30 years of teaching experience in Indiana, "retired" to Trinidad State and has been teaching here since 2015. Photo courtesy TSC staff



APT Employee of the Year: "Linda Perry is the face of Trinidad State," said President Epper. "She handles everything with grace and ease." Photo courtesy TSC staff

Linda Perry, Executive Assistant to the President, was deeply honored when her colleagues selected her as the APT (administrative, professional, technical) Employee of the Year. In her ten-year history working at the college, she has worked with the Educational Foundation, moved on to working with a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) grant and now works in the President's office. With her former experience in ranch and lodge management, Perry brings to her position the hospitality and service skills she learned.

"What I like best about working here is having the opportunity to be a conduit to help people to find their answers, realize their potential, grow their position at the college or grow themselves as a student," she said. "I like listening to an idea and somehow lighting a campfire under a cause."

As a community liaison Perry assists on the public front often being a college representative. She considers herself a sounding board and assists the president and college leadership in any way she can.

"We offer an eight-county region opportunity for high school students to begin their careers, or for anyone who needs to learn skills for a new trade," she said, "an incredible opportunity for learning. As the oldest community college in Colorado with a [nearly] 100-year history, "there's no one in the community that can say 'I remember Trinidad without the college.'"

Also honored by TSC was Student Services Specialist II, Mathilda Westerman, of the Valley campus, who was chosen as Trinidad State's Classified Employee of the year, for the third time.

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Science in Mining Engineering and has

been in the coal industry since the mid-80s. His extensive career has earned him high regard in the industry, as he is

immediately tasked with assisting Randy safely reach and sustain production targets.

"We are very

pleased to have such experienced and well-respected industry experts to lead our New Elk team. Together, we are focused on delivering on our commitments to our customers, our local community, and share-

holders. I am confident with this team at the helm, New Elk Coal will continue forward with much success," said Mark Gray, CEO and Executive Chairman. "I will relinquish my CEO responsibilities to allow

Jon, a seasoned mining professional, to run operations while I will remain Executive Chairman and continue to lead Allegiance."

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