

# End of an era

United Church in Walsenburg holds last service last Sunday  
New church now holding services



IT'S HISTORY NOW — About 70 visitors, former pastors, and congregation members showed up March 20 for the final service and luncheon at the United Church of Walsenburg, which, after 189 years, has ceased to exist as an organized group. The church building now houses New Hope Ministries, pastored by Lionel and Anna Palacio. Photo by Milt Clark.

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# What's in a name? Huerfano RE-1 school district may soon find out

## Superintendent warns of potential upcoming 'hot-button' issue: Naming Walsenburg's new junior-senior high school

by Mark Craddock  
WALSENBURG — At the March 14 Huerfano RE-1 school board meeting, Superintendent Michael Moore gave board directors a warning about an upcoming "hot-button" question which is already circulating through town — what to name the district's new high school.

"A lot of discussion has occurred in town and among faculty and students about renaming John Mall HS to Walsenburg 7-12, Walsenburg Jr. Sr. High," Moore's report to the board read. "Many of the people wanting the change have pledged to continue honoring John Mall by naming the gymnasium, commons area or some other area after him. We are setting up a way to poll the community, students, faculty etc."

Moore said the reason he is bringing up the issue now is that the designers of the new school need to know the school's name soon so that they can proceed with design of things such as logos and signage.

"I expect this to cause some division in the community, however we can't avoid the discussion and decision," Moore wrote.

"I've heard an awful lot from community members, staff members, etc., that they may want a potential name change. Using the city name of Walsenburg," Moore told the board last Monday. "I would not allow, if that were to happen, I would never allow the name John Mall not to be honored or recognized at a new school. I would never show that disrespect."

"So there are other thoughts out there. If that happens, how do we continuously honor the person that our current school is named after?"

"I mean no disrespect to the family whatsoever. I have to bring it up. This has been ongoing. If I don't bring it up, I'm not doing my job. I want what's

right for the community. And we're seeking the best way. How do we involve? How do we hold an accurate polling of people to get authentic results?"

"That's a tough row to hoe," board president Deb Sporleder said. "I understand."

The original Huerfano County High School was opened in 1920 at 415 Walsen Ave., the location of the present-day Spanish Peaks Library.

In the fall of 1977, students moved into the newly built and newly named John Mall High School, and the old building became Walsenburg Middle School.

In 2004, the district completed Peakview Elementary School to replace the aging Washington Elementary, which now serves as the district's administration building. In February of 2008, middle schoolers (grades 6-8) moved from the historic former high school into an expanded wing of Peakview School.

The district's new school, currently in the design and development stage, will house students from grades seven through 12.

Officials at both Peakview and John Mall are currently soliciting staff, parent and community feedback for a plan to move seventh and eighth graders into John Mall High School in advance of the new school's completion, to help ease the transition.

According to the John Mall High School's 2015 student handbook:

"John Mall Jr. - Sr. High School received its name from a dedicated Huerfano County educator, John S. Mall, an orphan whose schooling was funded by a G.I. insurance policy left by a World War I casualty. Mr. Mall took a teaching position in a one-room school east of Walsenburg and rose through the ranks to principal eventually becoming Superintendent of Schools. His generosity,

and devotion to service is an inspiration to us all."

Heirs of John Mall family have been ardent boosters of the school, awarding annual scholarships to grads, as well as volunteering and donating to several school causes — including donations to ensure food service for students continued during the early COVID-19 school closures.

### SING IT!

In addition to the personal, political and historical ramifications of a name change, there are poetic and musical considerations. Consider the JMHS fight song, also printed in the 2015 handbook. Try singing it while replacing "John Mall High School" with "Walsenburg High School."

**SCHOOL SONG** (Music to "On Wisconsin")  
Fight 'em Panthers, Fight 'em Panthers  
Go right down that line  
Throw the ball around the \_\_\_\_\_ (other school mascot)  
Touchdown sure this time -Rah, Rah, Rah  
John Mall High School, John Mall High School  
Fight on for your fame.  
Fight Panthers, fight, fight, fight to win this game. P-A-N-T-H-E-R-S F-I-G-H-T!

### IN OTHER BUSINESS

Also at the March 14 meeting, the school board took the following actions in its consent agenda:

■ The board accepted a letter of resignation from fellow board member Raquel Lopez-Rodriguez, who was elected in November 2021. In a special meeting held March 21, the board unanimously passed a resolution to solicit letters of intent from those interested in filling the vacancy.

■ The board voted to forego its annual review of Moore until next year, because the new board members have had such a limited time to work with

# Boebert is 1 of 8 to vote against Russia sanction

## Says Congress is 'focusing on distractions'

by Mark Craddock  
WASHINGTON — In a rare show of bipartisan support, the U.S. House of Representatives on March 17 voted 424-8 to end normal trade relations with Russia and Belarus, the latest in a string of sanctions in the wake of Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Among the eight members voting against the sanction was Colorado's 3rd-District representative Lauren Boebert.

"Congress keeps focusing on distractions abroad and not our own challenges brought on by Joe Biden at home," Boebert told Politico on March 18. "H.R. 1708 had bad language that could lead to sanctioning 'human rights abusers' who simply hold traditional views of life and family and restrict access to abortion. The bill also does nothing to spur domestic energy production."

In voting no, Boebert joined a bloc of ultra-conservative representatives, including Rep. Andy Biggs (R-Ariz.), Rep. Dan Bishop (R-N.C.), rep. Matt Gaetz (R-Fla.), Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-Ga.), Rep. Glenn Grothman (R-Wis.), Rep. Thomas Massie (R-Ky.), and Rep. Chip Roy (R-Texas), according to the Congressional Record.

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# Upcoming events

## THROUGHOUT OUR WORLD

### I-25 Travel Alert

**OUR WORLD** — The Colorado Department of Transportation will implement full closures of both directions of Interstate 25 at Exit 11, south of Trinidad for two days next week. The closures will last from 3 a.m. until 10 p.m. on Wednesday, March 30 and Thursday, March 31 while crews perform a concrete deck pour on the new bridge structure. Traffic will be detoured off I-25 at the Exit 11 off-ramps and back onto I-25 via the Exit 11 on-ramps to bypass the closures.

## HUERFANO

### Ward 2 meeting with council member Lara at 5:30 p.m. today

**WALSENBURG** — Council member Carmen J. Lara will be hosting a Ward meeting with her constituents. Join her on Thursday, March 24 at 5:30 p.m. at the Walsenburg Housing Authority meeting room, 220 Russell St. in Walsenburg.

### 'The Bless Me, Ultima' book and movie discussion -UPDATED

**WALSENBURG**—The Bless Me, Ultima event at the Spanish Peaks library in Walsenburg has had some changes brought about by the recent storms. **Thursday, March 24 at 2 p.m.** we will begin our exploration of the book by Rudolfo Anaya. Ava Archuleta Clark, local herbalist will lead a discussion about the herbs and experiences that Ultima shares in the book. She will share her understanding of the work and gifts of a Curandera. On **Thursday, March 31 at 1 p.m. (note the time change)**, the Bless Me, Ultima movie will be shown followed by a lively discussion led by Bob Hettenhausen exploring the similarities and differences between the book and the movie. Please join us the Spanish Peaks Library for these special events.

### Two Spirits movie at LVPL

**LA VETA**—On **Thursday, March 24 at 2 p.m.** the La Veta Library patron Alex Lukens will share the movie "Two Spirits" and then facilitate a discussion of this moving and heart wrenching true story that interweaves the tragic tale of a mother's loss with a revealing look at a time when the world wasn't simply divided into male and female and many Native American cultures held places of honor for people of integrated genders. Adult themes but guaranteed to be thought provoking and enlightening.

### 2022 Municipal Election Candidate Night

**LA VETA** — to know your 2022 municipal election candidates! The 2022 Municipal Election Candidates will come together at the La Veta Community Center on **Thursday, March 24 at 7 p.m.**

The community center will open at 6:30 p.m. for the public to turn in questions for the candidates. Questions can be for all candidates or for specific candidates. No questions will be accepted after 6:55 p.m. The forum will begin at 7 p.m. with candidate intros. Questions from the public will follow immediately after and will be run by a moderator. Please call Town Hall at 719-742-3631 if you have any questions about the event.

### 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 and 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 24 & 31 at 2 p.m.** Stop in and get your copy and let's make this a great community event!

### Spanish Peaks Library Storytime

**WALSENBURG**— Join us at Spanish Peaks Library in Walsenburg for story time this **Friday, March 25 from 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.** Lois Ehlert is one of Ms. Sherry's favorite author/illustrators. Our next storytime will feature 3 of her books about planting. Our activity will be planting seeds, like we will hear about in her books. Storytime is every Friday from 10:30 am to 11:30 am at the library and every week we explore new books and activities. If you have any questions you may contact Ms. Sherry at 738-2774 or sherry@spld.org.

We have revised our hours at the library. We are now open M - W from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, Th - F from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. We hope to see you soon.

### MT. Rose heartworks health and wellness programs

**HUERFANO**—Come get everything you need to create "Vial of Life" concept materials to have available for family members or Emergency Services Personnel. We will have stickers for your door as well as a great magnet for your refrigerator to attach information.

Join MT. ROSE HEALTH AND WELLNESS at the first of the monthly programs that will also include basic health screening of blood pressures, pulse and oxygen level screening. In addition, each month an additional health related topic will be explored. Always free. Everyone is welcome to join.

**Friday, March 25, 1 p.m.-3 p.m. Lisa Wagner, at Walsenburg Library**

**Saturday, March 26, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Charlene Velarde, at La Clinica in Gardner**

Mt. Rose Health Center Palliative Care and Hospice has received generous funding from the Next Fifty Initiative to present these programs.

### Pleas and Petitions' Author discussion

**WALSENBURG**—On **Saturday, March 26 at 2 p.m.** the Museum of Friends, 600 Main Street, in Walsenburg will introduce Virginia Sánchez to discuss her most recent book Pleas and Petitions Hispano Culture and Legislative Conflict in Territorial Colorado that sheds new light on the political obstacles, cultural conflicts, and institutional racism experienced by Hispano legislators in the wake of the legal establishment of the Territory of Colorado.

The book reexamines the transformation of some 7,000 Hispano settlers from citizens of New Mexico territory to citizens of the newly formed Colorado territory, as well as the effects of territorial legislation on the lives of those residing in the region as a whole.

### Mobile vaccine clinic: Walsenburg

**WALSENBURG** — The mobile vaccine bus will be in town on **March 26 and 31 from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.** at the Safeway parking lot. For more info visit [www.comassvax.org](http://www.comassvax.org).

### Gardening 101 - Cold frames, greenhouses and root cellars

**WALSENBURG**—The Spanish Peaks Library will again be having their monthly introduction to gardening class on **Sunday, March 27 at 1 p.m.** at the Library, 415 Walsen Ave. This month's topics will be Cold Frames, Greenhouses and Root Cellars. We'll discuss how and where to build these structures, the benefits and the problems. Please join us for a fun and educational discussion!

### Walsenburg 55th class reunion

**WALSENBURG**—The Walsenburg High School Class of 1966-67 will be getting together this summer, with invitations being sent out in May. If you have questions about this event, please contact Jeanette, Sandra, Theresa or Valerina

### Fox Theatre weekend movie

**WALSENBURG**— Join us at the historic Fox Theatre in Walsenburg for our weekend movie "Dog", rated PG-13. With a dog named Lulu by his side, Army Ranger Briggs races down the Pacific Coast to make it to a soldier's funeral on time. Along the way, Briggs and Lulu drive each other completely crazy, break a handful of laws, narrowly evade death, and learn to let down their guards to have a fighting chance of finding happiness. Movie Showtimes are Friday 7:30 p.m., Saturday 7:30 p.m., and Sunday 3 p.m.

### Community conversation about tourism

**WALSENBURG**— The Tourism Board invites you to an informative community conversation about tourism in our county on **Monday, March 28 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.** We will be hosting a series of community meetings to provide an overview of the work the tourism board is engaged in to bring visitors and tourism dollars to the county. We will discuss the ways we work to promote all the activities, attractions, and events that Spanish Peaks Country offers visitors. A light dinner will be provided. Huerfano County Tourism Board Conversation will be held at the community center in Walsenburg. A zoom link will be available for this meeting!

### Water Conservancy board meeting

**HUERFANO**—The monthly board meeting of the Huerfano County Water Conservancy District will be held in person at the Walsenburg Housing Authority activity room, 220 Russell St, Walsenburg, on **Monday, March 28 at 6 p.m.** The draft agenda for the meeting can be found on the district's website: [www.hcwcd.net](http://www.hcwcd.net).

### Roger Greene's "4,284 Miles" UPDATED

**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 31 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.

### Book Nook hours changing

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

### Patterns and Spaces and Mined Resonance exhibits

**WALSENBURG**—Please join us to view two new exhibits opening at the Museum of Friends, 600 Main Street on **Friday April 1, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.** We will celebrate the work of noted New York Artist Liz Whitney Quisgard Patterns and Spaces on the first floor. On the second floor is the work of local artist Max Kauffman Mined Resonance. Max will be available during the opening to discuss his exhibit and will present a new public program on April 15 th at 2 pm, Artist Talk on Art. On May 7 at 2 p.m. Maria Cocchiarelli will present a gallery tour and discussion of Liz Whitney Quisgard's exhibit.

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

### Martin Gilmore Trio

**WALSENBURG**— Join us for a night of music at the La Veta Mercantile with the Martin Gilmore Trio on **Saturday, April 2, 7 p.m.** The Martin Gilmore Trio (MG3) is a bluegrass and folk music group from Denver, Colorado. Comprised of Martin Gilmore, Nick Amodeo, and Ian Haegele, their sound centers around acoustic bluegrass and folk music, but they stray into jazz, swing, country and blues. They have toured all over the United States and Ireland.

More information about the release can be found at [www.martingilmore.com](http://www.martingilmore.com) and for tickets please visit <https://www.simpletix.com/e/martin-gilmore-trio-tickets-100031>

### An "Afternoon of Poetry,"

**LA VETA**— In honor of National Poetry Month, "An Afternoon of Poetry" will be held **Saturday, April 2nd, 3-5p.m.** at La Veta Public Library (please bring a mask). Bring poems to read (your own or other favorites!). For more information: Tom (742-3776) or Robin (742-3398).

### The Heart of Life

**WALSENBURG**—Growing older, though mostly blessed and beautiful, often lacks stability when changes, challenges and losses interrupt our journey through the natural aging process. We are taught how to prepare financially for retirement, but rarely how to prepare emotionally. This presentation is great for those

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who are retired, soon to be retired, or those who want to understand a family member or friend who is struggling with their aging process. Join us on **Tuesday, April 5 from 1 p.m.-4 p.m.** at the Spanish Peaks Library in Walsenburg. Bonnie JW Riley uses over 30 years of experience working with older adults to provide an insightful presentation.

Please email [bjwriley@gmail.com](mailto:bjwriley@gmail.com) or text (719)290-7074 to register. Please provide your name, address, phone number and email address. This information is solely for the purpose of registration and will not be shared. Attendance is limited, so if you are interested, please respond quickly to register.

### Village Super Powers: Strategies for Expressing Strongly-Held Opinions

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

This is the second part of this two part series. Using the action plans and information from part one, we will identify common complications that could arise through collaborative efforts. Through exploring our differences, our community can better implement best practices to work through conflicts for the sustainability of our community.

Hosted by La Veta Public Library at he La Veta Mercantile, 300 S. Main Street. Refreshments will be provided. Thank you to the American Library Association for their support through the Library Transforming Communities grants.

### Roar for Relay for Life

**WALSENBURG**—Join in the fight against cancer with Relay for Life. Meetings will be held every 3rd Wednesday of the month at Farm Bureau, 713 Walsen Ave, Walsenburg. Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, April 20th at 5:30 p.m.** For more information please contact Kendra Doherty at 719-946-5510 or 719-680-0693

## LAS ANIMAS

### Art with Heart

**TRINIDAD**—This month's Art with Heart is hosted by Alexandra Stefanec in the Garden Room at Mt. Carmel. This class will be on **Friday, March 25** from 5:30 p.m.-7 p.m. Refreshments will be provided. Please call (719)845-4894 for more information. No registration required.

### 4th Annual Crawfish Boil Fundraiser

**TRINIDAD**—Once again it is time for authentic Cajun cooking for a good cause. Join us at Bomb Pizza on **Saturday, March 26 at 12 p.m.** All proceeds from the crawfish boil will go to supporting the intellectually and developmentally disabled in our community. Please come on out and enjoy good food, and community! Special to this year's boil is the popular smoked and fried gator. We will also have whole live oysters as well!

### April Fool's Bingo Night

**TRINIDAD**—Help us raise money for Branson Senior class of '22 by playing bingo! This fundraising event will be held on **Friday, April 1, 6 p.m.** at Fort Wooten in Trinidad. Along with Bingo there will be a pasta dinner, desert, one drink and one bingo card for \$10. Each additional Bingo card will be \$2 and there are a lot of great prizes to win. For more information please call 719-680-7059

### Spring fling fundraiser for Holy Trinity Academy

**TRINIDAD**—Join the Holy Trinity Academy on **Saturday, April 2 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.** for our Spring Fling. We will have a silent auction as well as a bake & rummage sale and arts & crafts vendors. This is to benefit the Holy Trinity Academy and will be held at Sebastiani Gym at 206 N. Animas st, Trinidad. For more information please call 719 846-4522

### Easter wreath workshop

**TRINIDAD**—Join us for a fun wreath making morning at Mt. Carmel Wellness & Community Center. Learn how to make a wreath on **Saturday, April 2 at 10:30 a.m.** We will be working with 12" wreath frames and Easter florals. \$40 a person includes all wreath supplies, coffee, water and donuts/pastries. Limited spots available, please pre-register and prepay with Darci at The Art Cottage 719-859-3123

### Art Cartopia Museum re-opening

**TRINIDAD**—Come enjoy the fun at our re-opening party. Join us at 2702 Freedom Rd, Trinidad on **Saturday, April 2 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** You will be able to get a tintype photo done, have a Three Sisters Fry Bread taco, listen to music by Robbie and the Reckless, enjoy art cars and maybe win prizes. We can't wait to celebrate with you all.

### Free acupuncture by Health Solutions

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

### The Fishers Peak State Park Master Plan public meeting

**TRINIDAD**—Celebrate the final phase of the master plan, see design concepts for the park, and share your thoughts on **Monday, April 11 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.** The meeting will include a presentation of design concepts for park facilities and infrastructure maps and data depicting proposed recreation and conservation areas. Question and answer period in an open house format for the public to provide feedback and explore the materials. Information on next steps and finalization of master plan. The project team presentation begins at 5:30, and an open house will follow from 6 to 7. This meeting will be held at the Pioneer Room in the Sullivan Student Center | Park Street, Trinidad, CO 81082

## 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, March 26 and 27th from 9 a.m.-4 p.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.

### Democrats' March meeting

**RATON** — The March Meeting of the Democratic Party of Colfax County will be on **Tuesday, March 29 at 5:15 p.m.** at Casa Lemus Restaurant at 350 Clayton Road in Raton NM. This month's topic is Women's History Month -How to support and follow the lead of women and minority led organizations.

We will learn about our regional crisis of property valuation and learn how to confront the challenges of achieving housing and resources for those who have been left out of the economy.

Speakers will be from the Transgender Resource Center of New Mexico, the Alliance for Local Economic Prosperity, the Environmental Justice Caucus of the Democratic Party of New Mexico, and the New Mexico Veterans and Military Families Caucus of the Democratic Party of New Mexico.

We are marking National Vietnam War Veterans Day, Muslim Women's Day, and the Transgender Day of Visibility, all happening within a few days of our meeting, and all very important to our thinking when we seriously consider our beautiful and hard-fought American ideals.

Zackary Quintero, who is a candidate for New Mexico State Auditor (<https://www.zqform.com/>), and New Mexico State Representative Roger Montoya (who represents Raton: <https://www.rogerform.com/>), are among our confirmed guests.

For more information email [colfaxcountymocrats@gmail.com](mailto:colfaxcountymocrats@gmail.com)

### 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>.

## Letters

### A CHILI CORRECTION

The winners of the recent Oktoberfest Chili Cook-Off fundraiser were Cody Weller (red chili) Mark Erwin (green chili), Mitzi Keairns (mystery chili). We greatly appreciate all of our wonderful contestants, but we want to give credit where credit is due! Thanks for supporting Oktoberfest and be on the lookout for our Smoke-off BBQ competition and concert this summer!

~The Oktoberfest

Committee

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### BOEBERT/ JESUS?

Comparing Bobert to Jesus! Are you kidding me! She is the benefactor of an abundance of ignorance in her district.

~Victor Lucero

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## Pleas and Petitions-

Hispano culture and legislative conflict in Territorial Colorado

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## 1966 - 1967 Walsenburg High School 55th Class Reunion

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## Obituary



**Eugene (Gene) Francis Konzem**  
1/18/1939 ~ 3/18/2022

Eugene (Gene) Francis Konzem, born in Tipton, Kansas on January 18th, 1939 to Romanus and Margaret (Grief) Konzem, passed from this life on March 18, 2022 in Sherman, Texas.

He attended St. Boniface Grade School and graduated from Tipton High School in the class of 1956.

He enlisted in the United States Air Force where he completed basic training at Parks AFB, Dublin, California, tech training at Sheppard AFB, Wichita Falls, Texas, and was stationed at Otis AFB in Cape Cod, Massachusetts. After four years of service, he was honorably discharged in 1960.

He returned to Kansas to attend Brown Mackey Business School and was then employed at General Dynamics in Salina. After working at Beloit Motor Company, he enrolled at Fort Hays State University, Hays, KS. where he earned a degree in Business Marketing with a minor in Psychology.

He married Jane Frances Ohnsat on August 12, 1967 at St. Boniface Catholic Church in their hometown of Tipton, KS.

He went to work for Aetna Life and Casualty which launched his

lengthy career in the insurance industry. He was founder and president of Hussey Insurance Agency, Topeka, KS. After merging with Jardine Insurance Brokers, he later created his new company, Insurance Consulting Associates in Kansas City, MO.

He moved with his wife Jane to La Veta, CO in 1998 where he continued to work as an insurance consultant until he retired.

He is survived by his wife, Jane Frances Konzem of fifty-four years; four children: Jennifer Konzem, Lenexa, KS, Jill (Mark) Lancaster, Whitesboro, TX., Jolene (Matthew) Eichburg, Shaw AFB, SC., and John Konzem, Spring Hill, KS.

He is also survived by his five grandchildren, Haley (Brian) Jameson, La Veta, CO, Jackson Hake and Rory Hake, Whitesboro, TX and Kate Eichburg and John Eichburg, Shaw AFB, SC.; and one great-grandson, Merrick Nicholas Jameson, La Veta, CO; and two step-grandsons, Lane Lancaster, Flower Mound, TX and Luke Lancaster, Pilot Point, TX.

He is also survived by sister-in-law Sondra Konzem of Loveland, CO; and nieces, Jane L. Konzem, Overland Park, KS, Christa Davis, Alamosa, CO, and Kathy (Cameron) Knapp, Fort Collins, CO.

The rosary was recited at 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 21 at Waldo Funeral Home. Visitation followed until 8:00 p.m. Funeral Mass was held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday March 22 at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Whitesboro, TX. Interment at will follow at St. Mary's Cemetery, Sherman, TX.

The register book can be signed online at waldofuneralhome.com.

## Obituary



**Herman Angelo Gomez**  
3/29/1942 ~ 3/15/2022

Herman Angelo Gomez passed away on March 15, 2022. He was 79.

Herman was born in Boulder, CO on March 29, 1942 to Pauline M. and Nestor J. Gomez.

Herman attended and graduated from Aguilar High School and worked in construction throughout Colorado. He enjoyed construction work for many years until an injury imposed his retirement in 1994. This allowed him to enjoy his favorite pastime of collecting all things he declared he would 'use one day'.

Herman enjoyed being around family, restoring antique cars - anything Ford was his favorite, riding motorcy-

cles, fishing Trinidad Reservoir, watching football, reading western history, building model cars and telling tall tales to all that would listen.

His memory will be celebrated, and he will be missed deeply by his wife Connie, daughters Pauline (Pete) Salazar, Yvette Gomez, Jennifer (Glen) Stevens, and son Angelo Gomez; ten grandchildren, several great-grandchildren, one great-great-granddaughter and his many friends.

Preceding him in death are his parents, brother Ernest, sister Delores, nephew Ernie Jr. and grandson Isaiah Moreno.

At his request, cremation with no services.

His family would like to express their gratitude to everyone at the Joni Fair Hospice House for the amazingly loving care that Herman received during his stay. Donations to this hospice would be greatly appreciated by the family. Joni Fair Hospice House, 1107 Pueblo Blvd., Pueblo, CO 81005.

If you'd like to share condolences, memories or stories or please go to: <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/legacymembers/herman-gomez-obituary?id=33662519>

### BOEBERT Cont. from page 1

H.R. 8109, the "Suspending Normal Trade Relations with Russia and Belarus Act," would pave the way for president Joe Biden to impose higher tariffs on Russian goods by suspending Russia's participation in the World Trade Organization and revoking the country's "most-favored nation" status.

The "most favored nation" principle was conceived after World War II to ensure trading rights weren't dependent on a country's politi-

cal or economic clout, according to the World Trade Organization. Without the designation, nations trading with Russia won't have to treat it equally and can impose higher tariffs on its goods.

The bill now moves to the Senate, where Sen. Chuck Schumer said late last week his chamber would move quickly to take up the measure and send it to the president's desk. But one outstanding issue could delay the process: whether or not it will be paired with legislation barring Russian energy imports.

## Prescribed burns set for Comanche National Grasslands in SE Colo. U.S. Forest Service news release

**OUR WORLD** — As part of the ongoing hazardous fuels reduction project, the Comanche National Grassland will conduct prescribed burns in Southeast Colorado beginning in March and continuing through mid-April, conditions permitting.

The locations of the prescribed fires on range allotments are in the following areas: Cholla, 20 miles west of Campo, CO/ 529 acres; Pleasant Ridge, 8 miles south of Springfield, CO/ 639 acres; Timpas Swing, 8 miles west of Timpas, CO/ 868 acres; Playa, 7 miles northwest of Campo, CO/ 493 acres; Cincinnati, 4 miles west of Kim, CO/ 298 acres; Mount Carmel, 11 miles east of Campo, CO/ 319 acres; Sand Hills, 8 miles south of Vilas, CO/ 257 acres; Dewesse, 4 miles southwest of Campo, CO/ 367; Sunflower, 8 miles southeast of Campo, CO/ 492 acres.

For both firefighter and public safety, grassland visitors can expect recurring closures to affected areas during fire and monitoring operations.

"Prescribed fire is a safe way to apply a natural process that enhances the benefits provided by native rangelands and reduces the wildfire risk to people and homes," said Comanche National Grassland District Ranger John Linn. "Prescribed burning is a proven method of land management that has been used for thousands of years to benefit humans and nature."

Ignitions will occur only when weather and fuel conditions meet prescriptive parameters and when smoke impacts can be managed within established requirements. Ignition and burning operations may continue for several days depending on the size of the area being burned. Fire personnel will monitor the burns until the fires are completely out.

Prescribed fire smoke may affect your health. For more information on smoke and health, please visit: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/wood-smoke-and-health>.

Follow @PSICC\_NF on Twitter for up-to-date information on this and other topics. Use #ComancheRX for information on the Comanche Ranger District prescribed fire program. For more fire resources, please visit our website.

## Obituary

**Mildred (Mildy) M. Murrell Roberts**  
1/8/1943 ~ 3/14/2022

Mildred (Mildy) M. Murrell Roberts passed from this life on March 14, 2022 after a long battle with cancer.

Mildy was born in Cleveland, Ohio on January 8, 1943. She had a lifelong love for animals, particularly dogs, horses, and cattle. She went to college at CSU in Ft. Collins, CO.

Mildy was very good at caring for or doctoring sick animals. She spent her summers during college working on the Carver Ranch in the Sand Hills of Nebraska and taught in a small country school near the ranch north of Hyannis, Nebraska.

On August 19, 1974, Mildy married Julius Roberts. They owned and operated the Roberts Ranch east of Walsenburg, CO. They spent many years raising regis-

tered quarter horses and Texas longhorn cattle. They also had a quality commercial herd of beef cattle.

Mildy was an AQHA member and enjoyed competing in quarter horse shows, pole bending on her mare Millie Coquette. She was a member of the Texas Longhorn Association.

Later in life she purchased some Reining Cow horses and enjoyed watching them compete. Mildy spent a lot of her time rescuing dogs and finding good homes for them. She also enjoyed hunting arrow heads and other Indian artifacts.

She is preceded in death by her parents, William and Mildred Murrell and her husband Julius Roberts. She has requested no services. In lieu of flowers, persons wishing to do so, can donate to St. Jude's Children's Hospital or Noah's Ark in Trinidad, CO.

Arrangements made under the direction of the Comi Funeral Home.

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**Mon. 3/28** Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, mixed vegetables, and an orange.

**Tue. 3/29** Beef mac and cheese, spinach/ romaine salad, pineapple, and whole wheat bread.

**Wed. 3/30** Chef salad with turkey, ham, egg, cheese, ranch dressing, whole wheat crackers, pineapple and cottage cheese.

**Thu. 3/31** Beef enchiladas, refried beans, lettuce, tomato, and churros.

**Fri. 4/1 (Lent)** Lemon baked fish, rice pilaf, baked tomato and zucchini, peaches and a whole wheat roll.

All meals served with 1% milk and margarine.

**Walsenburg: Grab & Go only, Trinidad: In-person and Grab & Go.**

Meals are packed to go giving the option to "grab & stay" or "grab & go". Meals are served from 11:15 am to 12:15 pm. Dining area opens at 10:45 am serving coffee. Closes at 12:45 pm.

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### Education Programs with the Colorado Department of Corrections has multiple job openings around the state.

Jobs are available in Buena Vista, Canon City, Pueblo, and Ordway. Open positions in Education are Vocational CTE Teacher, SPED Instructor, Culinary Arts Teacher, Welding Instructor, and GED Teachers. Closing dates and Salary vary by position. For information on a specific position please visit the state job website <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/Colorado?keywords=cdoc>

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Colorado Legals

IN THE DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF HUERFANO
STATE OF
COLORADO
EDWARD MATTHES, Plaintiff

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, SUCCE-
SSIONS, 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.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of BERNICE BARBARA SHARITS a/k/a BERNICE SHARITS, Deceased
Case Number 2022PR30008

All persons having claims against the above named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to District
Court of Huerfano, County, Colorado 200 W. 5th St., Suite 141, Walsenburg, CO 81089, (719) 793-7100 on or before June 30, 2022,
or the claims may be forever barred.

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NOTICE OF REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION
TOWN OF LA VETA

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday the 5th day of April, 2022, a Regular Municipal Election will be held in the Town of La Veta, at which
time and place there will be five (5) offices and one ballot questions to be voted upon before the registered electors of the Town of La Veta.
This is a polling place election. The election polls will be opened at seven o'clock in the morning and will continue to be open until seven o'-
clock in the evening of the same day. Polling place will be at the La Veta Community Center, 131 East Rfys Avenue, La Veta, Colorado.

A list of nominations to the office as the same are duly certified to and filed with the Town Clerk of La Veta, County of Huerfano, State of Col-
orado, together with the name of each candidate to be voted for at the Regular Town Election of La Veta, to be held Tuesday the 5th day of
April, 2022 are as follows:

FOR MAYOR VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE (1)

Doug Brgoch
David DeTray

FOR TRUSTEE VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN FOUR (4)

Tony Masinton
Timothy Tady
Ashley Vandagriff
La Rissa Morris
Mickey Schmidt
Luvia Musgrave
Jim Hoobler

THE FOLLOWING QUESTION WILL BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT:

SHALL MEDICAL AND RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENTS AND BUSINESSES BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE IN THE TOWN
LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF LA VETA, COLORADO, SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF STATE LAW AND REGULATIONS TO BE
ADOPTED BY THE TOWN OF LA VETA?

The qualifications of the Municipal electors are set forth in the Colorado Municipal Election Code 31-10-201.

- 1. Every person who has attained the age of eighteen years possessing the following qualifications is entitled to register to vote at all municipal
elections:
a. He is a citizen of the United States.
b. The precinct for thirty days immediately preceding the election at which the person offers to vote. An otherwise qualified and registered
elector who moves from the municipal election precinct where registered to another precinct within the same municipality within thirty days
prior to any regular or special election shall be permitted to cast a ballot for such election at the polling place in the precinct where registered.
2. No person confined in any public prison is entitled to register or to vote at any regular or special election. Every person who was
a qualified elector prior to such imprisonment and who is released by pardon or by having served his full term of imprisonment shall be vested
with all the rights of citizenship except as otherwise provided in the state constitution.
3. The judges of the election, in determining the residence of a person offering to vote, shall be governed by the following rules, so far
as they may be applicable.
a. The residence of a person is the principal or primary home or place of abode of a person. Principal or primary home or place of
abode is that home or place in which his habitation is fixed and to which a person, whenever he is absent, has the present intention of returning
after a departure or absence there from, regardless of the duration of absence. In determining what is a principal or primary place of abode
of a person, the following circumstances relating to such person may be taken into account: Business pursuits, employment, income sources,
residence for income or other tax purposes, age, marital status, residence of parents, spouse, and children, if any, leaseholds, status of personal
and real property, and motor vehicle registration.
b. A person shall not be considered to have lost his residence if he leaves his home and goes into another state or territory or
another county or municipality of this state merely to temporary purposes with an intention of returning.
c. A person shall not be considered to have gained a residence in this state or in any municipality in this state while retaining his
home or domicile elsewhere.
d. If a person moves to any other state or territory with the intention of making it his permanent residence, he shall be considered
to have lost his residence in the municipality from which he moved.
e. If a person moves from one municipality in this state to any other municipality in this state with the intention of making it his per-
manent residence, he shall be considered and held to have lost his residence in the municipality from which he moved.
4 a. For the purpose of voting and eligibility to office, no person is deemed to have gained a residence by reason of his presence or lost it by
reason of his absence while in the civil or military service of this state or of the United States, nor while a student at any institution of higher
education, nor while kept at public expense in any public prison or state institution unless the person is an employee or a member of the house-
hold of an employee of such prison or institution.
b. The provisions of paragraph (a) of this subsection (4) notwithstanding, no person otherwise qualified under the provisions of this
article shall be denied the right to vote at any municipal election solely because he is a student at an institution of higher education, if such stud-
ent, at any time when registration is provided for by law, files with the county clerk and recorder a written affidavit under oath, in such form
as may be prescribed, that he has established a domicile in this state, that he has abandoned his parental or former home as a domicile, and
that he is not registered as an elector in any other municipality of this state or of any other state. The fact that such affidavit has been filed
shall not be noted in the registration book.
c. No provisions of this subsection (4) shall apply to the determination of residence or non-residence status of students for any col-
lege or university purpose.

I, Laurie L. Erwin Town Clerk, Election Official of the Town of La Veta. do hereby certify that the above and foregoing list contains the correct
names of all persons that will appear on the ballot and ballot question that will appear on the ballot to be voted in the Regular Election to be
held on April 5, 2022, at the La Veta Community Center, 131 East Rfys Avenue, La Veta, Colorado.

Laurie L. Erwin
Laurie L. Erwin, Election Official for the Town of La Veta, Colorado

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of JAMES EDWARD VILLA A/K/A JAMES E. VILLA A/K/A JAMES VILLA, Deceased Case No: 2022 PR 30009

All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative or to
District Court of Huerfano, County, Colorado or on or before July 25, 2022 (date)\*, or the claims may be forever barred.

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

DISTRICT COURT, HUERFANO COUNTY, COLORADO
Court address: 200 West 5th Street, Suite 141,
Walsenburg, CO 81089

Phone number: 719-793-7100
Plaintiffs: MARION E. PHILLIPS,
v.
Defendants: E M TRESSLER AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS OR ENTITIES WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF
THIS ACTION.

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Case No. 2022 CV 30000

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO
TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:

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

If you fail to file your Answer or other response to the Complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication,
judgment by default may be rendered against you by the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint without further notice.

This is an action to quiet title to real properties in the State of Colorado, legally described as follows:

Parcel #42905
UND ¼ INT IN & TO: TWP 27 RNG 68:
SEC 21: N½NE¼ , SW¼NE¼
SEC 22: NW¼NW ¼
UND ½ INT IN & TO: SEC 21: N½SW¼SE¼

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

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By
Linda McMillan, #20437
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DURING THE SEVERAL SESSIONS OF THE BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HUERFANO COUNTY, HELD IN
THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 2022 THE FOLLOWING CLAIMS
AND EXPENDITURES WERE ALLOWED AND PAID

Payments for Publication

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Table with columns: Vendor Name, Description, Amount. Lists various vendors and their payments, including A&E TIRE INC., REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE SIGNS, LIVES EMPOWERED GRANT, etc.

Summary table with columns: FUND, DESCRIPTION, DISBURSEMENTS. Shows totals for various funds and descriptions.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Daniel E. Biggerstaff, Deceased

Case Number 2022PR30007

All persons having claims against the above named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to
District Court of Huerfano, County, Colorado or
Denver Probate Court of the City and County of Denver, Colorado

on or before July 20, 2022\*, or the claims may be forever barred.

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# Colorado Legals

## PUBLICATION NOTICE OF INCLUSION

The following Application has been submitted to the Huerfano County Water Conservancy District ("HCWCD") for inclusion of Participating Diversions into HCWCD's Regional Augmentation Plan decreed on November 14, 2016 in Case No. 13CW3062, District Court, Water Division 2, State of Colorado ("Regional Augmentation Plan").

1. Applicant. Singing River, LLC, 2 Cantitoe Lane, Cherry Hills Village, Colorado 80113 ("Singing River").
2. Means of Diversion. On channel storage and ditch diversion to ponds.
3. Location of Diversion. Five ponds are located in the N1/2 of the NW1/4 of Section 26, one pond is located in the SE1/4 of the NW1/4 of Section 28, and one pond is located in the SE1/4 of the SW1/4 of Section 22, all within Township 27 South, Range 72 West of the 6th P.M.
4. Water Source. Huerfano River and Deer Creek.
5. Amount Depletion. 6.46 acre-feet for annual evaporation, plus periodic fill as needed.
6. Type of Use. Water use will be for recreation, piscatorial, aesthetic, and fire suppression.
7. Depletions. All diversions for fill and evaporation will be considered to be one hundred percent consumptive.

HCWCD staff and consultants have determined that the Application is complete and that Applicants' proposed diversions and water uses are eligible to fit within the terms and provisions of the Regional Augmentation Plan as Participating Diversions. The Regional Augmentation Plan provides for the replacement of stream depletions to the Huerfano River from Participating Diversions.

Non-parties and parties to the Regional Augmentation Plan are entitled to submit comments on the requested inclusion of the Applicants' diversion into the Regional Augmentation Plan as a Participating Diversion. Any comments to the proposed Application for augmentation of commercial use must be submitted in writing and received by all of the following parties by May 26, 2022 ("Comment Period"): (i) Huerfano County Water Conservancy District, Attn: Carol Dunn, P.O. Box 442, LaVeta, CO 81055, hcwcdistrict@gmail.com; (ii) Steven T. Monson, Ryan W. Farr, Monson, Cummins, Shohet & Farr, LLC, 13511 Northgate Estates Drive, Suite 250, Colorado Springs, CO 80921, stm@cowaterlaw.com; rwf@cowaterlaw.com; (iii) Rachel Zancanella, Assistant Division Engineer – Engineering Operations, Office of the Division Engineer for Division 2, 210 E. Abriendo Ave., Ste. B, Pueblo, CO, 81004, rachel.zancanella@state.co.us; (iv) Lori Lest, Assistant Division Engineer – Litigation, Office of the Division Engineer for Division 2, 210 E. Abriendo Ave., Ste. B, Pueblo, CO, 81004, lori.lest@state.co.us; (v) Melissa van der Poel, Colorado Division of Water Resources, 1313 Sherman St., Rm 818, Denver, CO, 80203, melissa.vanderpoel@state.co.us.

Comments received after the Comment Period may not be considered. The entire Application and supporting engineering analysis are available upon written request to the undersigned at the address provided above, with reimbursement of any applicable copying charges. HCWCD will take action on the Application following the Comment Period.

Date: March 24, 2022

Ryan W. Farr  
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Attorneys for Huerfano County Water Conservancy District

# New Mexico Legals

## REGULAR MEETING March 28, 2022 AGENDA

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Colfax County Board of Commissioners will meet in Regular Session on Monday, March 28, 2022 at 9:00 A.M., in the Commission Chambers, 3rd floor at the Colfax County Building, 230 North 3rd St., Raton, NM for the following:

This agenda can be viewed at the Colfax County Website at [www.co.colfax.nm.us](http://www.co.colfax.nm.us)

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Salute to the New Mexico Flag
4. Approve Agenda
5. Approve Regular Meeting Minutes for March 14, 2022
6. Recognize Visitors
7. Public Comment
8. Discuss/Approve – Indigent Care Claims
9. Presentation – Gerald Smith, Requesting Partial Vacation of County Road A-17
10. Discuss/Action – Statement of Receipts and Expenses from the Colfax County Treasurer
11. Discuss/Action – Resolution #2022-15, Asset Disposal
12. Discuss/Action – Approval of Molzen-Gorbin, Task Order #3 – Abbot Fire Station Floor Slab Investigation
13. Discuss/Action – Colfax County Claim of Exemption/Subdivision Filing Procedures
14. Discuss/Action – Colfax County Lodger's Tax Funding Request from the Center for Community Innovation Phase 2
15. Discuss/Action – Colfax County Lodger's Tax Funding Request from the Arlin Lepp Owner of Whatever It Takes Rodeo Series – Call Chute
16. Discuss/Action – Colfax County Lodger's Tax Funding Request from the Colfax Tavern Advertising Campaign
17. Discuss/Action – Colfax County Lodger's Tax Funding Request from Super Cross – Excavation, Transportation and Placement of Material
18. Discuss/Action – Joint Powers Agreement between Colfax County Sheriff's Office and the Village of Maxwell for Law Enforcement Protection Funds
19. Discuss/Action – Approval of Agreement with Securix Technologies
20. Discuss/Action – State of NM, Office of the State Engineer Capital Appropriation Project – Plan and Design a Geo hydrology Study for Colfax County
21. Discuss/Action – NM DOT Aviation Grant Agreement for Fuel Dispenser Shelter
22. Discuss/Action – NM DOT Aviation Grant Agreement for 100LL Fuel Truck
23. Discuss/Action – New Mexico Opioid Allocation Agreement
24. Discuss/Action – Colfax County Road Call for Projects
25. Commissioners' Docket
26. Manager's Docket
27. Adjourn

Done this 22nd 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

EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF  
COLFAX COUNTY, NEW MEXICO  
No. D-809-PB-2022-00004  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
MICHAEL JOSEPH ARKO, deceased.

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the estate of the decedent. All persons having claims against the 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 District Court of Colfax County, New Mexico, located at the following address:

Eighth Judicial District  
Leon Karellitz Judicial Center  
1413 S. 2nd Street  
Raton, NM 87740

Dated: February 28, 2022

/s/ Rosemary Arko  
ROSEMARY ARKO,  
Personal Representative  
105 Meadow Lark Dr.  
Raton, NM 87740

/s/ Steven L. McConnell  
Steven L. McConnell, Esq.  
McCONNELL LAW OFFICE, LLC  
P.O. Box 1148, 300 Cook Avenue  
Raton, New Mexico 87740  
Telephone: (575)445-5575  
E-mail: smcconnell@bacavalley.com  
(Attorney for Personal Representative  
of the Estate of Michael Joseph Arko)

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS #2022-02

### Medical and Mental Health Services

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of Colfax County will accept sealed proposals for Medical and Mental Health Services for Colfax County.

Proposal specifications may be picked up at the Office of the County Manager, Colfax County Building 230 N 3rd Street, 3rd Floor. Raton, NM 87740 or requests may be sent to: [davila@co.colfax.nm.us](mailto:davila@co.colfax.nm.us)

Sealed Proposals must be received by 2:00 P.M. MST, Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at the following address:

Office of the County Manager  
Attn: Danielle Avila  
P.O. Box 1498  
230 N 3rd St.  
Raton, NM 87740.

For further information contact:  
Danielle Avila  
Chief Procurement Officer  
575-445-9661  
[davila@co.colfax.nm.us](mailto:davila@co.colfax.nm.us)

Colfax County reserves the right to award a contract not necessarily to the offeror with the best rates, but that demonstrates the best ability to fulfill all requirements of this request for proposals. The New Mexico Procurement Code, Sections 13-1-28 through 13-1-99 NMSA 1978, imposes civil and misdemeanor criminal penalties for its violation. In addition, the New Mexico criminal statutes impose felony penalties for bribes, gratuities and kickbacks.

## Invitation to Bid

The City of Raton  
Tourist Information Center Lighting System Retrofit Project  
Project No. COR00022-01

Notice is hereby given that competitive sealed bids will be accepted by the City of Raton for the **Tourist Information Center Lighting System Retrofit Project - Project No. COR00022-01**. The work shall generally consist of retrofit of existing ceiling mounted lighting throughout the Tourist Information Center, and legal and proper disposal of existing fixtures and fluorescent bulbs. Retrofit shall include provision and installation of all retrofitted lighting components and appurtenances and electrical/ structural modifications required for a functional operational system.

Sealed bids shall be received until Thursday, April 7, 2022, at 2:00 PM at the office of the City Manager as follows:

The City of Raton  
224 Savage Avenue  
Post Office Box 910  
Raton, New Mexico 87740  
(575) 445-9551

Sealed bids received after this date and time will be returned unopened. Bids will be opened and publicly read aloud immediately after the specified closing time. All interested parties are invited to attend the bid opening. Complete sets of bidding documents are available for download on the City's website [www.ratonnm.gov](http://www.ratonnm.gov) or by contacting City Clerk/Chief Procurement Officer Michael Anne Antonucci at 575-445-9451 or by email at [mantonucci@cityofraton.com](mailto:mantonucci@cityofraton.com). Bid security in the amount of 5% of the amount bid must accompany each Bid in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

Posted by: Michael Anne Antonucci  
City Clerk/Chief Procurement Officer  
March 24, 2022

# Classifieds

World Journal classifieds can be seen updated every Thursday on [WorldJournalNewspaper.com](http://WorldJournalNewspaper.com)

## HOW THIS WORKS

We charge \$10 for the first 35 words, plus 30 cents per word after that. All classifieds ad copy and payments are due by noon Tuesday. Call us at 719-738-1415. Email your classified to [classifieds.hwj@gmail.com](mailto:classifieds.hwj@gmail.com). Right now, every classified ad in the World Journal is listed for free on our website [www.worldjournal-newspaper.com!](http://www.worldjournal-newspaper.com!)

## BUSINESS

**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

**REPAIRS & REMODEL** Exterior & interior dry-wall; plaster and paint; repairs welcome. Remodel specialist; bath & kitchen; electrical; upgraded tile. Just call High Plains General Contractors LLC / Jim Sharpe, Walsenburg at 719-989-7853. 41-TFN

**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](http://www.SpanishPeaksPiano.com) or call 720-363-0052. Located in Huerfano County. 19-TFN

## HELP WANTED

**THE HUERFANO COUNTY** Department of Human Services is hiring a full time Accountant. Applicants must have a Bachelor's degree in Financial Management or Accounting, Professional or high level para-professional work experience which provided the same kind, amount and level of knowledge obtained through the required education may substitute year for year for the Bachelor's degree. Experience related to finance, accounting, Microsoft Office with emphasis in EXCEL, Google mail and calendar and state and local government ac-

counting standards (GASB) is preferred. Must have the ability to prioritize, multitask and meet deadlines. An application and a resume are required. Applications and a detailed job description are available at 121 W 6th Street Walsenburg, CO, by emailing [dhsjobs@huerfano.us](mailto:dhsjobs@huerfano.us) or by calling 719-738-2810 ext. 110. Salary \$50,000 yearly is negotiable D.O.E. Drug testing and background checks are required. HCDHS is an equal opportunity employer. Applications must be received by April 4, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. 12-2XU

**SOUTHEAST MENTAL WELLNESS** Coordinator- Mental Wellness Program. LOCATION: Trinidad, Colorado. DESCRIPTION: Spark the Change Colorado's Mental Wellness Program (MWP) engages professional mental health volunteers to serve low-income and disadvantaged Coloradan's who lack adequate access to Mental Health Services. This position is responsible for coordinating the Mental Wellness Program in the SE Colorado region, including cultivating and inviting mental health volunteers and host sites to participate in the program. To view the full job description, please visit <https://www.sparkthechangecolorado.org/getinvolved> 11-2XU

**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](mailto:jobs@huerfano.us) Application will be accepted until position is filled. Huerfano County is an equal opportunity employer. 14-TFN

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

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT HUERFANO COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT** is accepting applications for **THE POSITION OF DEPUTY**. Qualified candidates must be P.O.S.T. certified within 30 days of hire; 21 years of age or older; have a High School Diploma or GED; must adhere to policy, procedures and post orders. Drug testing, criminal background and mental evaluation will be required. Shift work is mandatory and may include weekends and holidays. This is a full time position, eligible for County Benefits with a starting base wage of \$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](mailto:jobs@huerfano.us). Applications will be accepted until positions are filled. Huerfano County is an

equal opportunity employer. 37-TFN

**SAN ISABEL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION**, located in Pueblo West, Colorado has an opening for a Member Services Representative I. The successful candidate will be responsible for providing prompt, courteous, and reliable member service. A copy of the complete job description with minimum job specifications can be found at [www.siea.com/careers](http://www.siea.com/careers). Email resume and cover letter in pdf format to [jobs@siea.com](mailto:jobs@siea.com) or mail resume to Attn: Human Resources, 781 E. Industrial Blvd, Pueblo West, CO 81007. Material must be received by March 25, 2022. 11-2XU

**NOTICE IS HEREBY** given that; Huerfano County is accepting applications for a Dispatcher in the Emergency Service Department. This is a full-time position; the position is benefit eligible with a salary of \$33,971.00. non-exempt position. Under the supervision of the Communications Manager and Shift Supervisor, receives calls to the 24-Hour Communications Center, analyzes the calls, and determines the appropriate need for a response. Notifies law enforcement, fire, and ambulance personnel of service requests and follows through on all responses. Provide a "lifeline" to law enforcement officers and other emergency responders. The information that is provided by them to field personnel is necessary for appropriate enforcement actions and is often vital to the responder's safety. High School Diploma or



GED. Any acceptable combination of education, training, and experience that provides the above knowledge, abilities, and skills that the County deems appropriate. Please see the job description for all qualifications. 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 emailing jobs@huerfano.us Applications will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on March 28, 2022.

For all Huerfano County, job openings go to governmentjobs.com. Huerfano County is an equal opportunity employer. **11-2XU**

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

## COLFAX HELP WANTED

**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 10-4XU**

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

- A high school diploma or GED.
- Combination of clerical

training or progressively responsible experience in an office environment totaling three (3) years.

- Ability to communicate effectively in both oral and written in English.
- Knowledge of standard office procedures and practices.
- Ability to operate standard office machines including but limited to word, processor, computer, and multi-line phone system.
- Ability to interact effectively and professionally with the public, supervisors, and co-workers.
- Ability to work alone and set priorities.
- Ability to perform transcription duties

**Working conditions:**

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

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

- Employee must successfully complete employment drug screen and background check.
- Employee must comply with personnel ordinance and guidelines of the County.
- Employee must possess a valid New Mexico driver's license by employment date and retain a valid license while employed in this position. Please submit resume to Colfax County Human Resources Department., PO Box 1498, Raton, NM 87740, or email svaldez@co.colfax.nm.us or mgore@co.colfax.nm.us Deadline is February 10, 2022 by 4p.m. Colfax County is an equal opportunity employer **10-TFN**

**COLFAX COUNTY YOUTH** Empowerment Services. Colfax County Youth Empowerment Services has two positions open for full-time Family Support Practitioner/Pre-Natal and Early Childhood Home Visitor(s) to provide family support services for both Colfax and Union Counties. Position Specifications: Education: Bachelor's or AA degree, from an accredited College or University, in human services or education field preferred. Will consider non-degreed with years of experience equaling college accreditation. A degree outside human services may substitute with an additional 1½ years of direct home-based services such as Family Preservation, MST, FFT, etc. working with children and families. Experience: Child welfare experience working with families in complex situations preferred. Knowledge of child welfare policies and programs and strategies of home-based services. Field experience working with children and families and overall ability to relate to and engage with these families. Skills: Requires working knowledge of child welfare in-home services. Excellent verbal and written communication skills; effective interpersonal skills, ability to relate to wide diversity of people and situations, both internal and external, demonstrated good judgment. Demonstrated skills in family engagement strategies, facilitating science-based curriculum, conducting assessments on both adults and children, recruitment and community outreach, organizational and time

management skills. Willingness and ability to participate in initial and ongoing training, including overnight, provided through our funding sources. Other: Must meet state criminal background check requirements and pass a drug test. Ability to maintain a flexible work schedule. Travel: Must have a reliable vehicle, appropriate and valid state driver's license and registration. Must have liability auto insurance and be able to transport clients if needed. Must be capable of travel and driving within coverage area, often multiple hours per day. Download application form at www.co.colfax.nm.us, send completed application along with resume to dortiz@co.colfax.nm.us. Job posting will be open until position is filled. For more information call Debbie at (575) 707-0483 **38-TFN**

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

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

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

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

## PETS

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

**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**

**GARAGE FOR RENT** in Walsenburg, 19' x 26'. Great for seasonal and/or long term storage. Not suitable for frequent in/out. \$200 per month. Call 719-859-2701. **11-2XP**

**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. Aphorism
6. Perspiration
11. Put up with
12. Torment
15. Thralls
16. Accumulated
17. Cap
18. With one leg on each side of
20. Groceries holder
21. Dry
23. Hearing organs
24. Tube
25. French for "End"
26. Rotating disks
27. Not any
28. Labels
29. Superior limb
30. Not a winner
31. Cobwebs
34. Torso
36. Rodent
37. Europe's highest volcano
41. Thorny flower
42. Transgressions
43. Blackball
44. Tight
45. Male deer
46. Made a melodic sound
47. Furrow
48. Rein
51. North northeast
52. Copies
54. A person who rules
56. Large marine mammal
57. Not younger
58. Cast out
59. Splendor

### DOWN

1. Protozoal infection
2. Diminishing
3. Fourteen in Roman numerals
4. Notion
5. Clutter
6. Steps
7. How we communicate
8. Coastal raptor
9. Consumed
10. Rotary engine
13. Harvester
14. Border
15. Rotating mechanism
16. Linguists
19. Rips
22. Strong revulsion

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

**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**

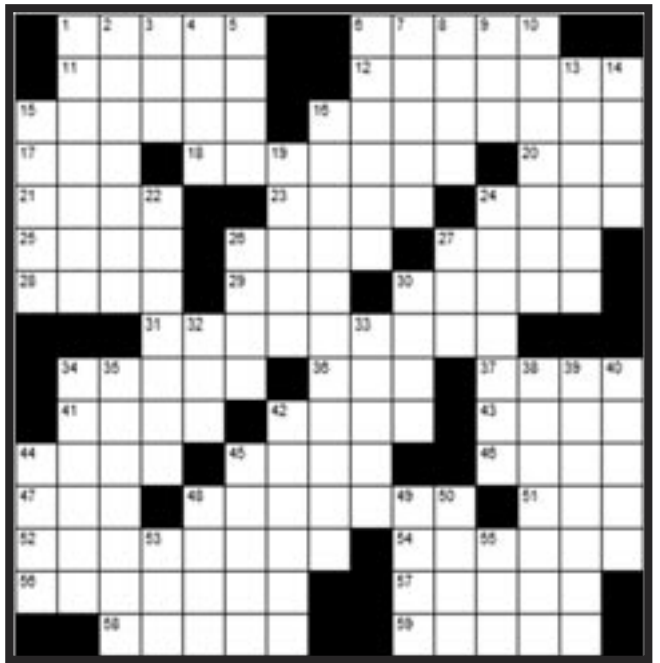
## FORCLOSURE

**PUBLIC FORECLOSURE SALE/DISPOSAL** ITEMS Closet's Full Storage, 212 Adam Road, Trinidad, Colorado 81082. Managed by: TLC Real Estate Services, Inc, 404 E Main, Trinidad, CO 81082. **SALE /DISPOSAL ITEMS:** All personal property located in the following storage facility space will be sold or otherwise disposed of in a manner consistent with Colorado Law (CRS 38-21.5-103c.IV). Unit G112 Frances De La Cruz Trinidad, CO 81082 **11-2XU**

## R.F.P.

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL** Colorado Parks and Wildlife is accepting proposals for limited grazing on the Bosque del Oso State Wildlife Area in Las Animas county. The grazing permit will be for 3 months in 2022 and CPW reserves the right to extend the permit for additional years based on performance. All proposals will be reviewed and scored to determine the permit award. For a bid package or for more information contact Dylan Thomsen-CPW (719) 792-2232. Bids will be accepted until 5:00 pm on April 13th. **12-2XP**

# Crossword



## Last week's key



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|--------------------------|---------------|
| 24. Own                  | 40. Ire       |
| 26. Barrel               | 42. Avenue    |
| 27. Neither              | 44. Curtain   |
| 30. Allows               | 45. Satisfies |
| 32. Half of a pair       | 48. Despise   |
| 33. Itchy canine ailment | 49. Trudge    |
| 34. Injury               | 50. Peddle    |
| 35. Mundane              | 53. Label     |
| 38. Comes with lightning | 55. Big fuss  |
| 39. Convent              |               |





# What do you know about that?

## Ancient giants of the coast

by Ruth Orr

**EARTH** — If you've never seen a coastal redwood tree, you're missing out. There's not a whole lot you can do to mentally prepare yourself for just how big they are in person, how tall they tower, how wide they are. The tallest tree in the world, a California redwood dubbed Hyperion, is 379.7 feet tall. It is taller than the Statue of Liberty, taller than Big Ben in London, taller than the United States Capitol. The largest tree in the world by volume (and I'm assuming they mean in a single trunk, not like aspen trees) is another redwood, General Sherman, which stands at an impressive 275 feet tall and is over 36 feet in diameter at the base. That's about the length of a standard school bus. Picture a tree, as wide as a school bus is long, and almost as tall as the Statue of Liberty. It has an estimated total volume of over 50,000 cubic feet.

The term 'redwood' is actually a bit broad, as there are three species of tree that fall into that category. The dawn redwood (*Metasequoia glyptostroboides*) is the shortest, topping out at a measly just over 100 feet tall, (about the height of a ten story building) though some have been able to get closer to 160 feet. Dawn redwoods were believed extinct for millions of years and were known only from fossil records until one was discovered in 1944 by a forester in the Sichuan-Hubei region of China. They're sold as ornamentals today.

But they're not the focus of this column, both because they're shorter and because they don't grow natively on US soil. What we're interested in are the real big boys, the giant sequoias (*Sequoiadendron giganteum*) and the coast redwood (*Sequoia sempervirens*). General Sherman is a giant sequoia, Hyperion is a coast redwood.

Giant sequoias are, despite their size, rather quick-growing. They gain on average 13-24" per year, depending on conditions. They're actually the fastest growing conifer on earth under the right conditions, able to put on more than four feet in a single year. They're also long-lived, with some being over 3,000 years old. They grow best in central California, along the western slopes of the Sierra Nevada mountains.

General Sherman is estimated to be as old as 2,700 years young, and is still growing. And while as massive as General Sherman is, it's not the largest tree we

have on historical record. The Lindsey Creek Tree, a coast redwood, was reported to have more than 90,000 cubic feet in volume and was about 390 feet tall. It fell in a storm in 1905. It should be noted there's a bit of doubt about the Lindsey Creek Tree's size, since Hyperion is the same species and is only ten feet shorter but much thinner in terms of volume, which is a bit suspicious. The largest cypress and the largest baobab trees both have larger diameters than Sherman, but don't have the height to make up for that volume.

The General Sherman tree was named after the American Civil War general William Tecumseh Sherman. The official story, which may not actually be true but is fun to talk about, claims the tree was named in 1879 by James Wolverton, who served under Sherman. In 1886 a utopian socialist community in the area redubbed the tree in honor of Karl Marx, but that didn't last past 1892, after Sequoia National Park was established.

Coast redwoods are the tallest trees in the world, and seem to prefer the northern California coast into southern coastal Oregon. In ideal conditions they grow fast too, two to three feet a year if they're lucky, though they can also put on only an inch if they're too dry or stressed. The oldest known coast redwood, dubbed Helios, is the second tallest coast redwood tree at 375.9 feet tall, and is estimated to be about 2,068 years old.

Redwoods aren't just old as individual trees either, as a species they're ancient, having been around in the fossil record for about 240 million years, shortly after the end of dinosaurs. Redwoods are older than flowers, birds, and spiders.

They're also good friends. Despite their massive heights, redwoods have shallow root systems, which can make them susceptible to being blown over in strong winds. To help counter that, the trees intertwine their root systems with their neighboring trees, literally holding one another down. The roots can also sprout up and support new trees more successfully than from their cone seeds, which often leads to redwoods growing in circles, sprouting off from the roots of a base parent tree. The parent tree helps nourish sprouts through its own root system too. And they're not too picky about only letting relatives into the family circle— trees in the rings aren't necessarily from the par-



The base of General Sherman on a snowy day. Photo from the National Park service

ent tree, but still get taken care of through the shared roots all the same.

Redwoods provide an amazing habitat for hundreds of species of wildlife. Mountain lions, Coho salmon, and marbled murrelet depend on redwoods to survive. Entire ecosystems can and do live within their branches. Ferns, moss, lichen, huckleberries, even other full-size trees have been found growing in the branches of redwoods. Their shed leaves collect together into soil mats on the forest floor to create more ecosystems.

It may not surprise you that such big trees also need a lot of water— luckily they're adapted to help make it rain. Their leaves absorb moisture from fog, can condense the fog to make it rain down to the roots, and, weirdly, they release terpenes, which help condense moisture in the air into rain clouds around them.

They're also climate change heroes, capturing more CO2 than any other tree on earth, which they then hold onto, with their large size, long lifespan, and rot-resistant wood, for thousands of years. Unfortunately, there aren't that many left— only five percent of the original old-growth coast redwood forests on the Pacific coast are left. Their wood, resistant to insects, fire, and rot, is treasured for building, and since the 1850s, over 95 percent of the forest has been cut down.

You may have your own ideas one way or the other about climate change, but you can't argue that preserving these ancient monoliths is an endeavour worth supporting. All they need is a little boost from us and to be left alone. Our many-times great grandkids deserve to see these ancient giants too.



## ASTRONOMY

### Early morning gatherings

by William J. Bechaver

**EARTH** — This week, we will be treated to a stunningly beautiful gathering of planets in the early morning sky.

On the morning of Monday, March 28, the crescent Moon will join the gathering, adding to the spectacle.

If you go outside at around six o'clock, just before the coming Sun begins to brighten the sky significantly, look to the southeast. The fine crescent Moon will lie just below the three easily viewable planets.

Above you will find brilliant Venus. Between the Moon and Venus, just below the bright planet, is fainter distant Saturn, and to the right of the planet pairing is reddish Mars. The triple conjunction will only be enhanced by the presence of the Moon on Monday morning.

The following morning, Tuesday, March 29, Venus and Saturn will actually appear closer together, as Venus has now begun to make its descent, and

Saturn is climbing ever higher into the eastern sky. The Moon will be out of their proximity, lower to the horizon. Venus reached its high point last week, but will continue to grace our morning sky for weeks to come. But on Tuesday, Saturn slides past progressing higher into the sky.

The following morning, Wednesday, March 30, the finest of crescent moons will lie very close to Jupiter in the brightening of the morning sky. Jupiter is just making its appearance, but the pair will still be hard to find so low before the sunrise. Lower yet, tiny Mercury is now completely lost in the glare of the rising Sun, as it prepares to make its passage around the far side of its orbit.

So, March goes out with a spectacular final show as the morning planets come together, and are joined by the Moon to add to the splendor before sunrise as the week begins.

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

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about our featured columns, and your continued interest in astronomy.

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We've gained 17 minutes of daylight since last week, and a full 68 minutes since last month.

Our nearest planetary neighbor currently is Venus.

No planet in the dark sky for 9 hours 30 minutes. This is the duration

between sun set in the evening and venus rise in the morning. No planets are visible during this period.

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

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

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their superintendent. Board member Jenna Fox, while expressing no problem with delaying a review, noted that the language of the superintendent's contract specifically calls for an annual review. Other board members referred to the board's action in 2018, when a predominantly new board put off the evaluation for a year for similar reasons. Fox introduced a motion to pull the item from the consent agenda so it could be voted on separately. That motion died for lack of a second.

■ The board approved a contract with Wold Architects and Engineers, as well as Nunn Construction, for design and construction of the new school.

■ The board accepted a letter of res-

ignation, effective at the end of the school year, from Gardner cook Yvette Vialpando.

■ The board accepted a letter of resignation from school district cook Brooke Camargo.

■ The board hired Diego Bobian as an assistant baseball coach for John Mall High School.

■ The board voted to spend \$10,937.99 from the activities fund to replace a wrestling mat.

■ The board approved an overnight field trip for Destination Imagination on April 1-2, 2022.

The consent agenda passed with five votes. Rodriguez-Lopez was not in attendance and Fox voted "yea" to every item except the superintendent's evaluation... which is not a thing.

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# Huerfano County



## Huerfano Commissioners allocate \$550K in American Rescue Plan funds Board votes 2-1 to approve Sonic Bloom TAP if new conditions are agreed upon; final action set for March 29th

by E.E.Mullens

**WALSENBURG** — The Huerfano County commissioners this week approved county administration's request to allocate over a half million dollars in American Rescue Plan Act funds to a number of county priorities, and heard lengthy pro and con public comments regarding the Sonic Bloom TAP application (temporary assembly permit) for their proposed 2022 event at the Hummingbird Ranch.

In his memorandum to the board, Huerfano County Administrator Carl Young said of the rescue plan act money, "These allocations are not spending authorizations, but show that the funding is committed."

In March of last year Huerfano County was allocated \$1,339,661 in those recovery funds. To date, the county has received half of that funding, (\$669,830.50). Since receiving those funds, Huerfano County has spent \$42,500 on incentives for county employees.

The allocations recommended by administration, and approved by a vote accepting the memorandum are, in priority order; \$200,000 to support affordable housing projects throughout the county; \$100,000 for capital improvements in the Gardner Public Improvement District; \$50,000 to the Fox Theatre to support events and festivals across the county; \$100,000 to develop high-speed broadband in underserved areas of the county, and \$100,000 for improvement of county parks and recreational facilities.

Prior to action on this item, during public comment, John Freeburg suggested the county give every teacher and paraprofessional working in all three public schools in the county, Walsenburg, La Veta and Gardner, \$10,000 each. Dale Lyons piggybacked on this suggestion by saying all nurses should receive a stipend as well due to the adverse working conditions and manpower shortages that arose with the COVID-19 pandemic.

While the board did not act on either suggestion this week, all three, Gerald Cisneros, John Galusha and Arica Andreatta showed a general support of an idea to do something for those workers when the second half of allocations of rescue plan funds come up again later this year.

Young said in the memo, the allocation is not an authorization to expend these funds, but rather signals to the federal government, Treasury Department and Congressional oversight, that the county is moving forward with utilizing this likely one-time federal dollars windfall. If the funding allocation is eventually committed as recommended, the current, on-hand funds will total

\$77,330.50 and the remainder expected to come to the county will be \$747,161. Young said he expects additional money will be needed to bring the Gardner PID into a state of good repair and expects additional resources may be allocated to the Fox Theatre as they expand events and programs in the future.

### SONIC BLOOM TAP PUBLIC HEARING:

After selecting Young as the hearing officer, the board of commissioners held a public hearing on the TAP application 22-01, which covers the proposed 2022 Sonic Bloom festival Thursday through Sunday June 16-19 over Father's Day weekend. Monday

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Sonic Bloom light show from 2019. WJ file photo

## La Veta to get \$600K in federal funds for water treatment plant

by Mark Craddock

**LA VETA** — The Town of La Veta received a \$600,000 grant this month to help pay for construction of a new water treatment plant.

The funding was announced March 10 by Sen. John Hickenlooper's office, part of over \$100 million in funding for 64 Colorado projects included in Congress' fiscal-year 2022 appropriations bills, secured through the congressionally directed spending (CDS) process.

To qualify, CDS requests were submitted by local governments and non-profits. Senators may then request inclusion of these projects in one of the 12 annual funding bills.

The Senate is expected to send the final 2022 federal appropriations bills to President Biden in the coming days.

During the town board's March 15 meeting, Mayor Doug Brgoch pointed out that La Veta was one of the few rural south-central Colorado communities to receive this funding.

Hickenlooper's office said Trinidad also will receive \$450,000 for pavement upgrades to the Las Animas County Perry Stokes Airport.

Brgoch said the town had asked for \$1 million in funding, but will gladly take the smaller amount.

Mayor Doug Brgoch said the town was advised two years ago by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment that its existing water treatment system, an "updraft" plant, should be replaced.

He said the town has done preliminary planning for a new water treatment plant and hope "within the next year or so," after completion of its under-construction wastewater treatment facility, the town will start working in earnest, seeking funds and designing the new

plant.

He said preliminary cost estimates are between \$3 million and \$4 million.

"But with materials and construction cost increases of upwards of 30% in the last year alone, I could well see it being a \$5 million plant," Brgoch aid.

The new plant will be built in the same location as the current plant and will probably be similarly sized.

He said that, when dealing with state officials who hold the purse strings on funding projects such as this, "you don't get to the size you want, you get to the size you need — plus a small percentage."

The town's current water treatment plant delivers about 600 gallons per minute.

### IN OTHER BUSINESS

The town board took the following actions at its March 15 meeting:

- Board members unanimously approved an application for a beer and wine liquor license renewal by Susan Macdonell doing business as Legends on Main, 220 S. Main Street.

- The board unanimously passed two motions approving the use of Town Park and the La Veta Community Center Sept. 22-25 for the Spanish Peaks International Celtic Music Festival, pending proof of insurance, and use, if necessary, of the community center's kitchen facilities, pending a deposit.

- The board voted unanimously to reappoint Mitzi Keairns and Mimi Wallace to two-year terms on the Francisco Fort Museum board.

- The board voted 4-1-2 to approve Resolution 3-22, to renew the grazing lease for \$1,800 by Dennis Brgoch, Brgoch Ranch, on the town property adjacent to Town Lakes south of La Veta.

Trustee Derek Sokolowski expressed concern over the public perception of nepotism over leasing the town land to the mayor's brother, but acknowledged the town has received no other requests from potential lessees. He also questioned whether the lessee should be required to rebuild a fence that would keep cattle out of the lakes, the town's water supply. Trustee Mickey Schmidt said the town itself removed the fence several years ago when the lake was dredged, and it has remained down to facilitate mowing at the site.

Sokolowski voted against the resolution, Brgoch recused himself from the discussion and the vote, and Trustee Connie Grimm was absent.

- The board unanimously approved a motion to write a letter of support on behalf of La Veta Trails for a National Wilderness Stewardship Alliance grant to support the group's 2022 seasonal maintenance plan.

"La Veta Trails addresses the restoration, maintenance, and preservation of public trails and open spaces in Huerfano County," president Marilyn Russell wrote. "In 2022 we will recruit and schedule volunteer stewards to maintain 41 miles of trails in La Veta, Walsenburg, state wildlife areas, and the Spanish Peaks Wilderness Area."

- The board unanimously approved a special events permit application by La Veta Creative District for "paint and sip" events to be held April 2, April 23 and May 21, 2-4:30 p.m. at the La Veta School of the Arts, 105 W. Ryus Ave.

- The board unanimously approved GMS pay application #32 for \$8,963.74, and pay application #4 by Xylem Water Solutions, for construction work to date on the new wastewater treatment plant.

## Huerfano County Tourism Board begins open house series in Gardner

by Helena Cappon

**HUERFANO** — On Monday, March 14, the Huerfano County Tourism Board held in Gardner the first of four open houses for the residents of Huerfano County. The purpose of these open houses is to introduce and show the community what the tourism board does for the county, and to answer any questions and hear what input folks may have.

For those unfamiliar, the mission of the Tourism Board is to "enhance the quality of life for residents by bringing visitors to our county, having a positive impact on our economy while preserving our environment and culture."

As explained by the HCTB through a presentation at this open house, tourists in Huerfano alone generate \$1.1 million annually in revenue, which results in \$341 saved annually by each household in taxes. Additionally, tourism statewide generates 14% of jobs; to put this into perspective, every one job created in Huerfano County equates to 215 jobs created in a city as large as Denver.

The HCTB continued on to explain

the benefits tourism brings to businesses, events, downtown, non-profit organizations and residents. After the presentation, the floor was opened to community members to ask questions and/or make comments, bringing forth a thoughtful discussion of what benefits and concerns tourism brings to the area, and Gardner specifically. Concerns included trash, dog waste, graffiti, and a general disruption to the normal way of life. However, the discussion also moved towards events that have not been held in Gardner in a long time, and how Gardner might move forward with new concepts and events. The HCTB will be able to help market any new events, as well as get word out to volunteers and the like.

One of these ongoing events is the Gardner Food Drive, where once a month folks go and pick up grocery items, then divvy them up to be distributed to community members.

The HCTB will continue to host open houses across the county to introduce themselves and address questions and comments.

The next meeting will be held in Walsenburg at the Huerfano County



A community open house hosted by the Huerfano County Tourism Board at the Raymond Aguirre Community Center in Gardner provided insight on what tourism does for residents, and generated thoughtful discussion amongst residents and board members. Photo by Stephanie Thomsen.

Community Center on Monday, March 28 at 6 p.m. Food will be provided, and residents are encouraged to come listen

to the HCTB's presentation to learn more about what tourism as an industry is doing for our community.



## Area Weather Forecast

### La Veta

Date	High	Low	Prec.
03/24	52°	33°	2%
03/25	57°	39°	2%
03/26	61°	43°	0%
03/27	63°	43°	0%
03/28	61°	39°	3%
03/29	49°	32°	24%
03/30	49°	33°	24%
03/31	52°	31°	20%

### Walsenburg

Date	High	Low	Prec.
03/24	63°	36°	0%
03/25	67°	41°	2%
03/26	71°	46°	0%
03/27	74°	46°	0%
03/28	71°	45°	2%
03/29	57°	36°	24%
03/30	56°	36°	24%
03/31	58°	33°	24%

## Weather Report

### Cuchara

Date	High	Low	Conditions
03/16	48°	14°	cloudy
03/17	31°	6°	14" snow, cloudy
03/18	40°	14°	sunny
03/19	51°	14°	sunny
03/20	48°	25°	partly sunny
03/21	25°	12°	22.5" snow, cloudy
03/22	32°	8°	5" snow, cloudy

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## Cuchara Snow Report

### 2021-2022 Season

#### 215" 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"

## Quotes

### First Day of Spring

March 20

"If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant."  
~ Anne Bradstreet

"Once there was a thing called spring when the world was writing verses like yours and mine."  
~ Ella Fitzgerald

"Sunshine on my shoulders makes me happy. Sunshine in my eyes can make me cry. Sunshine on the water looks so lovely."  
~ John Denver

"What a lonely place it would be to have a world without a wildflower!"  
~ Roland R. Kemler

"Can words describe the fragrance of the very breath of spring?"  
~ Neltje Blanchan

"April, come she will, when streams are ripe and swelled with rain. May, she will stay, resting in my arms again."  
~ Simon & Garfunkel

"Spring will come and so will happiness. Hold on. Life will get warmer."  
~ Anita Krizzan

"The first blooms of spring always make my heart sing."  
~ S. Brown

"The beautiful spring came, and when nature resumes her loveliness, the human soul is apt to revive also."  
~ Harriet Ann Jacobs

"It's spring again. I can hear the birds sing again. See the flowers start to bud."  
~ Lou Rawls

"Spring adds new life and new joy to all that is."  
~ Jessica Harrelson

"Spring won't let me stay in this house any longer! I must get out and breathe the air deeply again."  
~ Gustav Mahler

"What a strange thing! to be alive, beneath cherry blossoms."  
~ Kobayashi Issa

"Here comes the sun, and I say, it's all right."  
~ The Beatles

# Peakview School medals at regional competition, is advancing to state



Top Row L to R – "The Meme Team" - Mrs. Morgan, Yash Patel, Kiera Roel, Isaiah Vialpando, Mason Cooper, Elsie Vialpando, & Mariano Bobian

Bottom Row L to R – "The Lucky Charms" – Ms. Gurule, Mireya Delgado, Jozy Sheffield, Yogesh Patel, Elias Martinez, Mikhaila Mercier, Liliana Moreno, Emily Daniels. Photo by Lora Davis

courtesy Brenda Morgan

**WALSENBURG** — Peakview School had two Gifted & Talented elementary teams compete and place at the Spicy South Destination Imagination Tournament held on Saturday, March 19th in Pueblo.

The teams were tasked with solving an engineering structure design challenge, writing a creative story to go along with the engineering project, and then putting it all together in an 8-minute performance.

In addition, each team was charged with an impromptu "Instant Challenge" which required students to spontaneously solve a problem in a short amount of time and work together as a team.

The Meme Team placed first and the Lucky Charms placed third within their division and challenge category. The teams advanced to the state level, and will be competing April 2 in Denver.



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# History

## Sopris revisited

by Nancy Christofferson

**SOPRIS** — It happens that today, March 24, marks the 100th anniversary of the Sopris coal camp's second worse day. At that time, an explosion of gas and dust in the mine resulted from an ignition by an electric arc-cutting machine. It killed 17 men.

The worse day for the camp and its near neighbors came about 60 years later when they were submerged by the growing Trinidad Lake and all remnants of buildings, mining activities and the lives of the residents were lost to sight, if not memory. Thus it was that Sopris died not with a bang, but a gurgle.

Sopris began as any normal coal town did, after the coal-bearing outcrops had been noted for decades. Then came Elbridge B. Sopris, referred to as a former Colorado Militia officer whose troops had fought along the Santa Fe Trail. He purchased the land while serving as Las Animas County surveyor from 1870 to 1882, surveyed it, platted a town, promoted it, and apparently started operations there.

The community got a post office July 25, 1888 after several openings had been developed, and were being worked profitably. One belonged to Denver Fuel Company since 1887 and was producing well. Coke ovens were built nearby. By this time Elbridge Sopris had retreated to Trinidad to run a saloon.

The Denver Fuel Company was purchased by the Colorado Fuel Company after the latter entity reorganized in April 1888. It's said more than \$1.1 was the price. CF&I opened its first Colorado Supply Company store in Sopris that same year, though the mine itself was CF&I Mine #4. That flagship store was a modest two-story frame affair. In production at the time were three workings, and by 1890 Sopris was the number one producer in the state. Two years later, the camp had 222 beehive ovens burning an average of 60,000 tons of superior coke a year. Construction of ovens continued until there were 400-plus of them.

Housing was nothing special. Having started as a small, independent mine, employees provided their own housing and much of it was hovel-style. CF&I later improved and standardized the units and camp layout.

In time Sopris grew to some 2,000 population and was the second largest city in Las Animas County after Trinidad.

Of especial notice in the camp was the school system, most notably the

high school. At one time more Sopris graduates attended college than from any other local system. It had one of the first adult education programs.

The high school had started in a large house. The camp in School District No. 64 which at the

time of its designation and formation in January 1889 had 118 students enrolled, all between the ages of six and 21.

According to the company newsletter, "Camp and Plant", by 1902, Professor W.R. Smithers was principal and taught the upper grades, in which 40 were enrolled that year, a Miss Mollie Hutchins had the intermediate students, of which there were 45, and Miss Ida Wilson had no fewer than 65 kids in the primary grades. Miss Mabel Milligan reigned over the kindergarten that occupied two rooms in the Methodist Church.

During the same period, 318 men were employed with the coke ovens and coal washing plant. The camp was home to two "hotels", the Sopris and the Central. One S.P. Anderson received an injured hand when a stick of dynamite prematurely exploded. Miss Marguerite Prendergast, director of the domestic science class, gave herself a farewell reception. That summer, G.S. Thompson became the new mine superintendent and Colorado and Wyoming railroad was working two shifts to complete a badly needed steel bridge.

1903 brought in 25 new members of the camp's Knights of the Protective Arc when the group was chartered in April. The boys organized a youth baseball team and had way too much excitement one day. It seems "a mad man" threw the camp into confusion and "after a wild chase and heavy loss of dogs", Marshal Gooden captured him, found he was drunk and threw him in jail. In June a group of young people went all the way to Grey Creek for a dance while a few others attended a circus in Trinidad. In November, Sopris did the entertaining, with a masquerade ball that included dancers from adjoining camps as well as Trinidad.

The YMCA's two story, brick multi-use building was built in Sopris in late 1915. That summer, best home gardening prizes went to S. Salzetti, S. Solpato and C. Segura. A Boy Scout (Tony Cunico) was accidentally shot while away from camp but his troop applied their First Aid training to stop his hemorrhaging and carried him to safety.

The new Lincoln High School was built in 1917 (the same year the camp was connected to the Trinidad water system). It boasted eight classrooms as well as manual training and cooking/dining/bedroom facilities for the domestic science students, and a library. In 1920 it was offering all the up-to-date lessons, "typewriting",



Sopris miners gathering before heading down into the mine.

printing, business subjects and industrial studies such as that of mine gasses. It was a large brick building eventually finished with stucco. A reception for teachers in the fall of '20 included a "short musical program, tea and a dance in the evening."

Also entertaining was the opening of the new bandstand donated by CF&I owner John D. Rockefeller and its continued use.

That year the company newsletter informs us there was a membership drive by the local American Legion Post and a competitive First Aid Team, baseball team, and a young people's group for hiking and other activities (that year, they climbed to the top of Fisher's Peak).

In 1921, Mary Paciok of the seventh grade won the county spelling bee and then placed fifth in the state. Five graduated from the tenth grade (the school only had K-10) - Lena J. Amorelli, Anna P. Cristel, Francis Edward Deldosso (son of the mine super), Frances M. Ferrera and James Gooden. In the adult education department, nine of the 53 men enrolled in citizenship classes had already received naturalization status.

Speaking of Deldosso, for the annual CF&I Field Day parade that summer, he won the prize for best decorated car. Henry Savio of Sopris won the 50-yard dash for boys under 12 race.

We also read of a Fred Tura, who earned \$154.83 for his work in December. Of course, that included 26 days of labor, but still. At the time, a miner in the Trinidad district was receiving 68 cents a ton.

A steel strike obviously had a depressing effect on the camp because note was made of the 240 men working the coke ovens and production during the strike and ensuing closure of the steel plant where 417 had been em-

ployed before these events.

By the mid-'20s Sopris was an established town. The 1922 explosion may have been a harbinger, because in the next few years the camp workings began closing down.

Deldosso leased part of the operations and continued production. Many signed on with him while other miners took jobs at nearby mines while maintaining their homes and families in Sopris. Still, the camp began losing population in the 1930s and, when Deldosso gave up his lease in the '40s, ceased altogether. Still, however, residents were loath to leave their residences, schools and churches (not to mention the bars, pool hall, gas stations and family grocery stores).

In 1963 the handwriting was on the wall. The Army Corps of Engineers announced the erection of a dam and began purchasing land along the Purgatory River for its construction. A devastating flood of the river in 1955 had accelerated the need to harness it. Even the smallest, often idle mines were closed and empty houses became the norm. Sopris was doomed, along with its neighboring camps, Jerriville or Jerriville, Piedmont, Sopris Plaza and St. Thomas.

The well-loved schools closed. The post office was shut down January 1, 1969. Demolition began after families had removed what they needed from their long-time homes. The debris that had been a vibrant little city disappeared beneath the water.

It was a slow death. It was not until September 7, 1968 that the Purgatory Dam was completed and dedicated. Among the estimated crowd of 1,800 were many former residents of Sopris, come to say goodbye. Some of them are still returning, and remembering.

### COMMISSIONERS

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would be the pack out/ clean up day, which many opposing the application say makes it more like a five day event.

Sonic Bloom Festival LLC President Jamie Janover and festival attorney Jess Gries appeared representing the application at the March 22, 2022 hearing. It was the fifth such public hearing for this festival since it moved to Huerfano County.

Gries and Janover spoke briefly about the history of the event, beginning in 2006 near Fort Collins, and its eventual landing at a permanent homesite, the Hummingbird Ranch in northern Huerfano County in 2015, where it has been held annually through 2019. The national COVID-19 public gathering limitations prevented the event from occurring in 2020 and 2021.

Speakers in favor of the application included Sonic Bloom staff members Jaron Drucker and Gennavive Waugh and Huerfano County residents, including Sarah Jardis, and Ryan Gies.

Gies said the event is one of the best run gatherings in the region and he is fully in support of Sonic Bloom. He said safety and security issues are handled by professionals hired by the organizers.

Jardis, a member of the county tourism board and charter member of Spanish Peaks Business Alliance said while she fully understands some neighbors' concerns, she said with limited infrastructure (venues) available in Huerfano County, this event works and introduces new people to the county and region.

Opposition speakers were, as they have been in past hearings, many in numbers and did not voice many new concerns or issues with the event.

Dale Lyon voiced one of two new issues presented this year, the poten-

tial of new COVID-19 infections.

Another new point mentioned by David Tesitor and others, suggested the site is a commercial one and should be zoned as such, and not retain its agricultural zoning.

The traditional issues mentioned continue to be: noise from music, especially late at night; ingress and egress concerns on the one road in-one road out on Lascar Road; danger of fires; the need for traffic, fire, law enforcement, emergency medical staff in place; security plans; sales tax collection; trespassing and damage to adjacent property owners' land; and negative impact on the environment and wildlife.

Others speaking in general opposition included Jose and Andi Baros, John Freeburg, Erica Tomsic, Al Meisman, John Conelly, Monte Jobe, Don Lovering and Milt Clark, and Joan Maley who spoke about concerns for emergency services getting into and out of the area in the age of the rising drug use of Fentanyl.

The board then presented its concerns, with Galusha saying he has never supported the festival, as county administrator and now as a commissioner. The board asked about festival insurance and Gries said currently they have two \$2M policies in place and are seeking a third, a \$3M umbrella policy. Gerald Cisneros said if the music deadline is 2 a.m. on Friday and Saturday, then the music should end then.

The current application seeks a 9,000 person capacity with 2 a.m. time limits on music on Friday and Saturday and a midnight music curfew on Thursday and Sunday. The increase in attendees was also something both residents and some commissioners had concerns about.

The board eventually reviewed the conditions imposed in past application approvals for the event. After a couple of failed starts, the board accepted a motion from Andreatta to approve the application, once a new

set of conditions have been refined and presented to the applicant later this week. It will be discussed in public before a final approval or denial is voted on at the March 29 county commissioner meeting.

Some of those new conditions are expected to include a suggested increase in the road impact fee charged to the festival from \$20,000 to \$40,500, with Galusha saying the estimated cost of dust control mitigation will be \$30,000 and the cost of water provided by the county for the dust mit-

igation at \$10,000. The number of attendees allowed by permit is also expected to be a point of negotiation.

From the staff side, Young sided with some in opposition, saying he personally felt the positive economic impact to the county during the festival has been overstated by the applicant.

Andreatta and Cisneros voted in favor of the application for its condition refinement and presentation/discussion next week and Galusha voted against.

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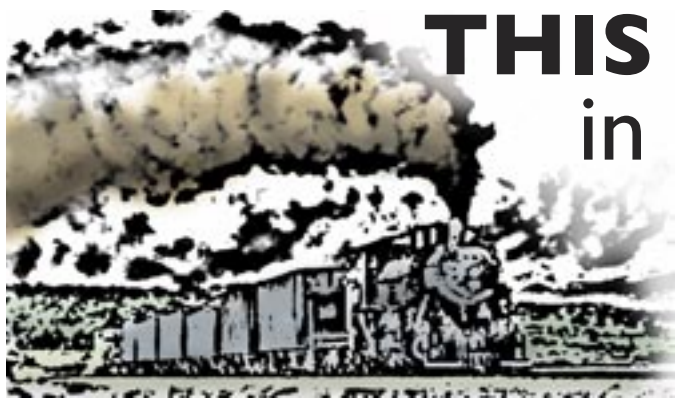
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# THIS WEEK in History

by Nancy Christofferson

## Walsenburg

**1889:** Dr. T.F. Martin this week sold to William Caddell Lot 7 in Block 4 for \$500. This is the lot the doctor purchased about five years ago from John Brown for \$5.00.

**1894:** Work to open the road on the new grade to La Veta has started and it includes several changes along the old route.

**1899:** The boardinghouse at Rouse known as the Logan House was totally destroyed by fire Sunday and some of the tenants had narrow escapes.

**1904:** J.P. Furman and E.J. Devaney of Trinidad have purchased the Lidle meat market and the slaughter house recently built by Schneider and Devaney.

**1909:** Eva Wayt, 17, died in Kansas. She is the daughter of W.B. Wayt, contractor and builder, who is part of the firm of Wayt Brothers with Ralph and Paul. Other relatives in Walsenburg are the Reverend W.A. Jellison and wife, and the S.B. and Dale Jellison families.

**1914:** Twenty-two businesses of Walsenburg have agreed with the Clerk's Association to close at 6 p.m. daily except Saturdays.

**1919:** Sears and Sears installed a fine new Bowser gas filling station at their garage.

**1924:** Contracts were let for the construction of a new 50-foot steel bridge over the Cucharas on the road between Walsen and Cameron.

**1929:** Sam Hobeika will open the Coney Island Sandwich Shop next door to the Frisco pool hall.

**1934:** All Civil Works programs will be suspended as of March 31 and employees will be transferred to work with the Federal Relief Emergency Administration.

**1939:** The foot bridge over the Cucharas on Pioneer Street will be 212 feet long and four feet wide, suspended by cables. Estimated cost is \$2,700.

**1944:** Motorists are still stranded here with the closure of Highway 85 north of Walsenburg because of the snow.

**1949:** Gross sales in Huerfano County during 1947 were \$9,406,000 and for 1948 they were \$10,428,000. This is an increase of 129.3 percent, the largest of any southern Colorado county.

**1954:** Several pounds of coffee were stolen from Norman George's Liberty Store on West Seventh Street due to the high price. (\$1.27 a pound).

**1959:** Anthony Velarde, Huerfano County sheriff, was re-elected commander of the Walsenburg Veterans of Foreign Wars.

**1964:** Representing Walsenburg in the county spelling bee will be Betty Vigil and Patricia Valdez, fourth graders, for Hill School, and George Ross Lee, P.C. Murr, Margie Tomassi and Susie Espinoza from Walsenburg Junior High.

**1969:** Mazola Margarine, 3 pounds for \$1.00; Sigman's All Meat Franks, 49 cents a pound; Apples, five pounds for \$1.00. Safeway Store.

**1974:** Pom Pom Girls for 1973-74 at Washington School were Tammy Springer, Renee Archuleta, Natalie Zinko, Sandy Manzanaras, Jayda Bellah and Paula Sterk.

**1979:** Walsenburg City Council approved a proposal to cut membership of the city's Planning and Zoning Committee from 11 to 7 as stipulated by state law. Also approved and adopted was an ordinance that will allow flashing or blinking advertising lights by downtown businesses, long restricted.

**1984:** For Rent; 3 bedroom mobile home, partially furnished, \$200 a month, at Dakota Mobile Home Park. Also to rent, 4 bedroom house at 212 East Fifth, \$350 a month.

**1989:** City Council Tuesday night signed a cooperative agreement with Walsenburg Housing Authority to apply for \$2,400,000 in federal funds to build 40 additional low income dwellings.

**1994:** United Church of Walsenburg's St. Patrick Day lunch received overwhelming support with 160 meals served. Unfortunately, 130 were to be delivered and the frazzled drivers went all over the city, leaving little paths of salad along Main Street.

## La Veta

**1877:** Charles Townsend, whose saloon has been closed for a week subject to repairs, gave a grand re-opening last night. The La Veta brass band was in attendance and a large crowd was present to engage in billiards, other games and drinks.

**1882:** J.G. Krueger realized for his last year's crop over \$1,300. He sold 36,000 pounds of wheat to D. D. Ryus who is shipping it to Pueblo this week.

**1887:** Homer Barnard, La Veta rancher, married Callie Moore, daughter of W.B. Moore and sister of Zeb,

**1892:** Town Board set a 10-mill levy for the \$1,000 they appropriated.

**1897:** A four-legged critter disputed the right of way with the 574 Flyer on Wednesday on the Walsen ranch east of here and got the worst of the deal.

**1902:** Some trouble between the sheep and cattle interests in this county has led to the formation of an association for the protection of the wool growers.

**1907:** Frank Powell is building a four-room house for his brother Walter on the lots the latter purchased on Grand Street, and Luther Kerby let a contract to William Fey for a four-room residence on Field.

**1912:** James Baker sold his ranch near the head of the Cucharas to Spruce Park Resort Company of Walsenburg for \$2,250 for the 320 acres. The company plans to develop a private fishing and camping resort.

**1917:** William G. McEvoy has about completed a deal to buy out J.G. Hamilton's interest in their ranches on the Wahatoya.

**1923:** Dr. L.W. Lee is the candidate for mayor on both tickets while E.E. Upchurch represents the Non-Partisan party and J.P. Stranger the Citizens for clerk and recorder.

**1927:** J.C. Goss, contractor here in the 1880s, once owned the Ellis Smith ranch and he built the house now occupied by Ed Collier and his aunt. Goss moved with his wife and 10 children to Fresno, California, many years ago.

**1932:** In the April 5 regular election, La Veta citizens will vote on the question of municipal ownership of the La Veta

Light and Power plant.

**1937:** La Veta School had a fire drill last week and all 300-plus students left the building through the four outlets in less than three minutes.

**1942:** Mrs. Bessie Johnson bought the Hartley tourist camp and the Hartleys moved back to Baca County.

**1947:** The P-T A elected as new officers Mrs. John Bailey, president, Mrs. Ben Nason, vice president, Miss Frances Willburn, secretary and Marvin Fellers, treasurer.

**1952:** The La Veta P-T A Minstrel Show played to capacity crowds Thursday and Friday nights and proceeds will be used for debt incurred by buying new furnishings for the new elementary school.

**1957:** Paul Gilbert says he will not be a candidate for mayor after serving many years but Proctor Hayes will be. Cornelia Coleman is running for treasurer and Karl Gilbert for clerk. Candidates for trustee are Clark Falk, Charles Keeling, Louis Kopine, Ben Nason, Marlin Warren and Robert Weir. All but Keeling are incumbents.

**1962:** Chester Howlett returned to La Veta for the first time since 1940 and visited with his uncles Norman and Charles.

**1967:** For the third consecutive year, La Veta High cheerleaders won the Southern Colorado "A" cheering trophy. A-Squad leaders are Glenna Lee Tracy, Christine Aguirre, Carrie Dee Engman and Judy Bauer.

**1972:** Elery Mayo, 36, accidentally shot himself in the leg near the knee at his home four miles northeast of town.

**1977:** Born, a boy, Loren James, March 17 to James and Bobbie Willcox.

**1982:** The *Valley Voice* will sponsor a Meet-the-Candidates for the two men vying for mayor, Fred Austin and Garry Mayfield, the two women running for treasurer and the 15 men and one woman seeking election to the six trustee positions.

**1987:** Loaf 'N Jug Manager Mary Mayfield says the La Veta employees are each \$100 richer from winning a company contest on pizza sales.

**1992:** Town Board introduced new Deputy John "Jay" Baker to the community Tuesday night but later during the regular meeting received the resignation of John Mitchell as assistant maintenance man. This was the last meeting for Trustees Bob Kennemer, Pat McMahan and Carroll Elwell who are not seeking re-election.

## States entering post-pandemic 'normal'

COVID not yet gone, but quickly being forgotten

by Mark Craddock  
**OUR WORLD** — The plexiglass barriers at Walsenburg's Loaf n' Jug convenience store were removed last week. Clerks are no longer required to wear face masks. Warning placards no longer encourage customers to do the same.

Throughout the region, the vestiges of pandemic safety are quickly disappearing as COVID-19 case counts continue to plummet.

For now, at least, we area living in the "new normal."

Two years after Gov. Jared Polis instituted his first statewide stay-at-home order for all non-essential personnel on March 26, 2020, a sense of normalcy is returning to the streets, even as the bogeyman that changed society still lurks in the shadows — not yet gone, but quickly being forgotten.

This month's local statistics reflect this new reality

For the month of March to date, Las Animas County has seen 30 new cases of COVID-19, the kind of number the county was seeing daily just a month ago during the peak of the early-winter Omicron surge. Local public health officials reports the county currently has 18 active cases.

Huerfano County reported 11 new COVID-19 cases in the same timeframe, and just four cases in the past week, with four active cases reported.

The New Mexico Department of Health has trimmed down its COVID-19 reporting, but

in its March 7 report, the last posted to date, it shows Colfax County had 39 new cases in the previous 14 days.

"We are relieved to be entering a new phase of the pandemic, and learning together how to coexist with COVID," the NMDOH said via its website. "We now have significantly lower case counts and many tools to protect ourselves and our loved ones, including vaccines, boosters, masks, at-home tests, and oral treatments."

In Colorado, Gov. Polis has released "Colorado's Next Chapter: Our Roadmap to Moving Forward," a policy paper which emphasizes government and healthcare readiness even as the state returns to relative normalcy.

"Thanks to the efforts of Coloradans, we are in a very different place now than we were in March of 2020," the report reads. "We have wide availability of the safe and effective vaccine which reduces the risk of death 96% among the triple-vaccinated and 85% among the double-vaccinated. We have several highly effective therapies to treat COVID-19 and health care providers are much more well-versed in caring for those who test positive for COVID-19, especially those with severe disease. Coloradans have reached high levels of immunity through both vaccination and infection, and the predominant variant of COVID-19 right now is significantly less severe than previous variants. The confluence of these

factors has put us into more of an endemic state - this means that the virus is present, but not disruptive in the way a once-in-a-generation pandemic is."

But the pandemic may not yet be through with us, as state figures show a small but significant rise in cases.

On March 13, Colorado reported only 74 new coronavirus infections — the lowest daily total since the pandemic's earliest days. But, since then, cases have been rising. By March 15, the state reported more than 400 new infections.

The change was the first time in more than a month that Colorado had seen an increase in cases.

## Gardner Valley Garden Club



Members of Gardner Valley School's Garden Club at work in the greenhouse. Photo by Payton Salas

by Addison Pacheco and Payton Salas  
**GARDNER** — The Garden Club at Gardner Valley School has recently started working with the

elementary and middle school students on our journey into the gardening world! We are teaching kids about plants and how to care for them,

and also conducting experiments with plants and soil that focus on the environment.

Recently, the middle school members took students from the elementary to the greenhouse to plant their own plant and learn about its survival. This gives elementary students and middle schoolers the opportunity to connect with each other, learn from one another and make new friends every day. Thus far, the results have been amazing!

GVS is very fortunate to be an agricultural learning environment and to have students capable and willing to help organize it. In the future, the Garden Club hopes to expand and teach kids about where their food comes from, and what it takes to get it from the farm to its destination. GVS is promoting gardening in major ways!

## P.E.O. BZ elects new officers

courtesy Debra Malone

**WALSENBURG** — P.E.O. Chapter BZ kicked off its first meeting of the fiscal year on Saturday, March 19. The meeting was co-hosted by Kathy Edmundson and Amy McCray.

The business agenda included the election of Officers for the 2020-23 year.

They are, President, Nancy Nielson; Vice President, Jill Davis Homerding; Recording Secretary, Mary R. White; Corresponding Secretary, Janine Rose; Treasurer, Diane Sortore; Chaplain, Amy McCray and Guard, Hallie Coulter.

Delegate and alternate to State Convention next June are Nancy Nielson and Jill Davis Homerding.

P.E.O. is a philanthropic organization where women celebrate the advancement of women by motivating them to achieve their highest aspirations. They educate women through scholarships, grants, awards, loans, and their stewardship of Cottey College.

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If you are interested in knowing more about the local P.E.O. Chapter, visit them on Facebook- P.E.O. Chapter BZ Colorado or contact a P.E.O. member.



PEO Officers for the 2020-23 year. (left to right) President, Nancy Nielson; Vice President, Jill Davis Homerding; Recording Secretary, Mary R. White; Corresponding Secretary, Janine Rose; Treasurer, Diane Sortore; Chaplain, Amy McCray and Guard, Hallie Coulter. Courtesy photo.



# SPORTS



The Maxwell Cheer Team on the DreamStyle Arena floor performing their routine during the State Spirit Competition in Albuquerque. Photo by Holly Mayfield.

## RATON CHEER ROCKS FOR THREE-PEAT STATE TITLE

by Marty Mayfield  
KRTN Multi-Media

**RATON**—Local area cheer teams from Clayton, Maxwell and Raton traveled down to Albuquerque for the Class A-3A State Spirit Competition held at The Pit on the UNM Campus Friday morning, March 18.

Both Clayton and Raton were returning state champions from last year while the Maxwell Cheer Team performed for the first time since 2008.

Each team competed twice during the competition, watched closely by a panel of judges. Each team performs a routine composed of three sections Band Chant, Crowd Leading, and Fight Song, not to exceed three minutes. Each

team is also required to perform a specific set of stunts and is judged on the successful completion of those stunts as well as crowd participation.

As always, the completion is stiff, and even a small bobble in the routine could cost a team points. The score of both routines is added together to determine the winning teams, so both performances are very important, as one performance could raise a team enough to win the title.

There were 11 teams in the A-2A portion of the competition where Clayton and Maxwell competed.

Raton competed in 3A which had seven teams registered to compete.

### Maxwell Bears Cheer Team

- Samantha Lawrence So.
- McKinsly Davis Fr.
- Cayden Flores So.
- Audriana Apodaca Sr.
- Cayleigh Brandenburg Fr.
- Terrance Gallegos 8th
- D'Laney Petrini Jr.
- Shiann Weisdorfer Sr.
- Alexi Hoy Sr.
- Bella Myers Jr.
- Anita Hoy Fr.
- Patricia Trotter 8th
- Destiny Gallegos Sr.
- Devirae Gallegos Sr.
- Kiara Hoy Jr.
- Head Coach Celina Apodaca
- Assistant Coach Jimmy Apodaca

### Raton Tigers Cheer Team

- Brooklyn Lawrence Sr.
- Madison Ortiz Sr.
- Faith Allison Sr.
- Deja Garcia Jr.
- Krystle Montoya Jr.
- Alexis Sanchez Sr.
- Moses Bueno Fr.
- Calyssa Hanson Jr.
- Mary Catherine Ware Fr.
- Tyleigh Valdez So.
- Tierra Garrett Sr.
- Travis Garcia Jr.
- Madison House 8th
- JayLynn Trueba Jr.
- Christina Coca Head Coach
- Christina Valdez Assistant Coach
- Stefanie Ware Assistant Coach



A Trinidad Miner batter is poised to hit the ball during a recent game against La Junta. The Miners lost the game 5-2. Photo by David J. Santistevan Jr.

## TRINIDAD MINERS FALL IN SEASON OPENER

by David J. Santistevan Jr

**TRINIDAD**—The Trinidad High School Miners baseball team, opened up the 2022 Colorado Spring sports season at home at Central Park recently against long time rival La Junta (1-0). The Tigers behind a three run third inning beat the Miners (0-1) by a score of 5-2. Trinidad will next be in action on the road on Saturday April 2, 2022 for two Southern Peaks League games against Center (0-2). Center lost two non-league games to Las Animas (2-0). Trinidad will play again on Wed. April 6, 2022 on the road in a non-league contest against Pueblo East (1-0).

### 2AA/1A Southern Peaks League Baseball Standings

Del Norte	2-0
Monte Vista	2-1
<b>TRINIDAD MINERS</b>	<b>0-1</b>
Sargent	0-2
Center	0-2
Sanford	0-2
Custer County	0-0

## THE EARLY-BIRD CHASES THE WORM: LOCAL TRACK TEAMS GET JUMP ON SEASON

by David Tesitor

**PUEBLO**—For local schools competing in high school track, CSU-Pueblo's Thunderbowl was the place to be March 12, as nearly 30 1A and 2A teams from across the region got a jump on the season in the 2022 Early-Bird Invitational, hosted by Pueblo West High School.

This season is shaping up to be an exciting one for many returning athletes who are hoping to once again return to state.

Among area schools, John Mall and La Veta participated, while Hoehne was scheduled to attend but bowed out, as did several other schools whose teams competed the prior weekend in the CHSAA state basketball tourney.

The La Veta Redhawk relay teams are strong again this season. They competed well in the invitational, placing in the top the in three events. Individually, there were no placers.

For the John Mall Panthers, **Elton Chavez** led the effort, finishing 4th in the 400 Meter Dash with a time of 54.83 seconds. He was 2.19 seconds from a first place finish and 12th in the long jump with a leap of 18 feet-6.5 inches. The other Panther to place in the top twelve was **Aiden Trujillo**, who placed 12th in the 300 Meter Hurdles in a time of 56.16 seconds.

The JMHS boys placed 17th in the team standings with five points, while La Veta's boys finished 21st with one point.

The La Veta boys' 4X100-meter relay team finished eighth in that event, earning the Redhawks their only team point. The La Veta boys 4x200 Meter Relay team finished 9th in a time of 1:52.08 minutes.

The Lady Redhawks finished 20th with three points, by virtue of a 2:19.03 minutes sixth-place finish by the 800 Sprint Relay team. Individually, **Aspen Autry**, a sophomore, placed 10th in the 200 Meter dash in 31.16 seconds, 2.38 seconds out of first.

The Lady Panthers did not place in the team standings.

Here are the individual results for the John Mall and La Veta athletes:

### Boys Results:

- 100 M**
  - 20, Elton Chavez, JM, (12.25)
  - 48, Samuel Romero, JM, (13.42)
  - 51, Giovanni Aldretti, JM, (13.65)
  - 52, Jaydn Barela, JM, (13.82)
  - 53, Max Parker, LV, (13.88)
  - 55, Trey Medina, LV, (14.19)
- 200M**
  - 35, Samuel Romero, JM, (27.78)
  - 38, Jace Goemmer, LV, (28.87)
  - 39, Miguel Alvarez, JM, (28.89)
  - 40, Brayden Nix, LV, (29.28)
  - 46, Dante Pino, JM, (30.55)
- 400m**
  - 4, Elton Chavez, JM, (54.83)
  - 37, Jayce Goemmer, LV, (1:09.33)
- 800M**
  - 21, Vincent Bobian, JM, 2:52.74
- 300M Hurdles**
  - 12, Aiden Trujillo, JM, (56.16)
- 4X100M Relay**
  - 8, La Veta Relay Team, LV, (54.49)
- Long Jump**
  - 12 Elton Chavez, JM, (18', 6.5")
  - 22, Nino Cisneros, JM, (17', 1.5")
- Shot Put**
  - 28, Miguel Alvarez, JM, (28', 8.00")
  - 33, Tobin Parker, LV, (27', 9.50")
  - 53, Chris Bailey, LV, (12', 0.00")
- Discus**
  - 46 Chris Bailey, LV, (32', 8.00")

### Girls Results:

- 100M**
  - 16, Aspen Autry, LV, (14.78)
  - 40, Isabella Vigil, LV, (16.30)
  - 42, Monica Vigil, LV, (16.42)
  - 43, Tami Morgan, LV, (16.44)
  - 51, Jessica Espinoza, JM, (17.29)
  - 53, Neveah Bobian, JM, (18.01)
  - 55, Kimberly Padilla, JM, (18.64)
- 200M**
  - 10, Aspen Autry, LV, (31.16)
  - 31, Grace D'esposito, LV, (33.22)
  - 34, Marcia Vigil, LV, (33.82)
  - 49, Jessica Espinoza, JM, (36.55)
  - 50, Isabella Bobiaan, JM, (36.71)
  - 52, Alex Miera, JM, (36.95)
  - 53, Neveah Bobian, JM, (39.18)
- 800M**
  - 18, Tami Morgan, LV, (3:14.07)
- 100M hurdles**
  - 13, Isabella Bobian, JM, (24.10)
- 800M Sprint Medley**
  - 6, La Veta Relay Team, (2:19.03)
- Long Jump**
  - 18, Grace D'esposito, LV, (11', 2.75")
  - 19, Isabella Vigil, LV, (11', 0.50")
- Shot Put**
  - 31, Raylynn Sorrato, JM, (18', 6.00")
  - 40, Dyna Garrett, JM, (15', 3.00")

## LARRY PICKERING INVITATIONAL TOURNEY DRAWS TRACK TEAMS FROM ACROSS COLORADO

by David Tesitor

**PUEBLO**—The Larry Pickering Invitational on Saturday, March 19, brought 4A to 2A teams from around the state to Pueblo Centennial High School to compete.

### HOEHNE

In the first event of the day, the Hoehne Lady Farmers set the tone for their successful day in the 800 Sprint Medley, placing 6th with a time of 2:01.62. It was a fast race, as the first place finisher from Pine Creek ran the event in 1:55.98.

In the Girls 4x800 Meter Relay, the Farmers placed 6th with a time of 12:04.02, well off first by 1:53 minutes.

In the 4x100 Meter Relay, Hoehne placed 5th in 53.77 seconds. All four teams ahead of the Farmers were from 4A-3A schools.

In the girls 4X200 Meter Relay, Hoehne finished 4th in 1:55.08. Once again, they were outpaced by schools from the larger schools.

In their last relay of the day, the girls 4x400 Meter Relay, Hoehne finished 4th in 4:41.06 minutes.

Individually for the Lady Farmers, **Ronni San Roman** placed 9th in the 100M Hurdles in 18:65 seconds while teammate **Neveah** placed 11th in 18,85 seconds. In the 400 M dash, **Allessa Cantoria** was 12th in 1:09.47 minutes. **Trinity Martin** was 7th in the High Jump at 4 feet-8 inches. Finally, in the shot put, **Janelle Ramos** was 5th with a throw of 30-03.00 feet.

Other members of the Hoehne Farmers who competed but did not place were: **Ellegra Gutierrez, Kaylah Crosso, Alyssa Chavez, Mara Salbato, Reyna Castellano, Nathan Zamora, Levon Bachicha, Alan Osorio, Jacob Sepulveda, Bobby Terry** and **Landen Sanchez**.

### LA VETA

La Veta High School's highest placers were the relay teams. For the boys, the Redhawks

4X400 relay team placed 12th in 4:17.83 minutes. The Lady Redhawks placed 13th in the 4X200 Relay. There were no other individual placers in the top 12. Members of this week's Redhawk team included: **Aspen Autry, Kylee Guadagnoli, Isabella Vigil, Kendyl Eddleman, Maricia Vigil, Tami Morgan, Joe Cash Autry, Trey Medina, Jessey Montunnas, Max Parker, Gus Andreatta, Brayden Nix** and **Jace Goemmer**.

### PRIMERO

The Primero Bulldogs also participated in the event.

The highest placer was the boys 4X400 rely team. They placed 13th. Their competitive long distance rummer did not qualify in the top 12.

Members of the Bulldogs included: **Marcus Hahn, Cade Vigil, Dalton Avis, Brandon Chatman** and **Aedin Borja**.

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## BUSINESS

### Phil Long Ford of Raton wins prestigious Ford President's Award

courtesy Gina Sacripanti

RATON — Phil Long Ford of Raton has been recently recognized by Ford Motor Company with their coveted President's Award. The honor is bestowed to Ford dealers who provide the highest level of customer service, customer satisfaction, and overall customer experience every day, in addition to reaching 100% or greater of their sales expectancy.

The President's Award was developed in 1985 and salutes the top-performing Ford Dealerships who embrace these philosophies. Dealers become eligible through survey responses from customers related to their service, satisfaction and overall dealership experience. Phil Long Ford of Raton achieved a 4.9 out of 5 rating from the surveys completed and compiled by Ford Motor Company.

"Being awarded the Ford's President Award is truly a special type of honor. Special because, without knowing it, our customers have spoken and said they are extremely satisfied with the service our team at Phil Long Ford of Raton has given them," said General Manager Greg Gutierrez. "In the world of Ford, extremely satisfied means our customers are happy. We couldn't ask for anything more than that."

Led by Gutierrez, who has held various positions within Phil Long Dealerships over the last decade, the staff of Ford of Raton provides service to the community beyond dealership activities. A recent example is Wear Blue for Brandon Day, which occurred earlier this



Staff members of Phil Long Ford of Raton at the Wear Blue for Brandon event. Courtesy photo

month. Brandon, a 12-years-old local youth, was a victim of a hit-and-run accident and suffered major brain injury. The organized day helped to raise support for Brandon's family and awareness of the impact of unsafe driving. Gutierrez also serves as a board member of the Santa Fe Trails School for the Performing Arts.

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## NEW BUSINESS

### Keller Williams gets a new home

by Helena Cappon

TRINIDAD — Debra Jo Abeyta and Bart Bockman began their adventure with Keller Williams Preferred Realty six years ago in Denver. As they watched the strong growth and development as well as the oversaturation of Denver continue, they turned their sights to Idaho Springs and Clear Creek County, about 45 minutes west of Denver. Realizing their passion and knack for working in a smaller market and community, Abeyta and Bockman continued on their path to Trinidad, Colorado. Abeyta's family is originally from the area, so Trinidad seemed like a natural next step.

They first came to look at the area in the spring of 2021; after quite a bit of searching, they found a place to set up shop in the Champions Center, located at 133 N. Commercial St. Entranced by the beauty of the recently restored building with its careful details and homages to the original integrity and design, Abeyta and Bockman got to work with the Downtown Trinidad Development Company, who manages the property, building a comfortable and exquisite office on the northwest corner of the first floor. Floor to ceiling windows allow for the bustling and brightness of N. Commercial Street to flow into the space that is garnished with original accents, brick, and even exposed original windows that were recently found covered up in the walls.

Abeyta and Bockman have also taken the time to curate pieces of art for the space that were created around the same time that the Champions Center was initially built.

When asked what makes their realty company stand out from others, the team explained "We very much love being a resource to the community." Keller Williams transcends typical real estate company practice to include many different types of resources for their community. This can be anything from someone looking to relocate to Trinidad and purchase a home, or if they have been in the area a long time and are

looking to refinance or find resources like fireplace cleaning, getting a water heater replaced, and so much more.

The company works to be a resource for homeowners, and is even orchestrating seminars and other resources for any homeowner to attend that may need assistance from anything to scheduling and getting a comparative market analysis, to finding vendors to work on their home, to finding the right mortgage company for them. Even if folks aren't selling a home, if they just want to understand the condition of their property, they have home inspectors who even come to these seminars to explain the process.

For more information on how to obtain or utilize these resources, one may contact Debra Jo Abeyta at 303-669-5822, or dabeyta@kw.com.

Though they have been able to operate out of a temporary office on the second floor of the Champions Center, Abeyta and Bockman eagerly look forward to moving into their first floor space this week, and officially starting operations out of the new space on Monday, March 28th. The team looks forward to hosting an open house at some point, and is excited to continue serving the community from their new home at street level.



Debra Jo Abeyta and Bart Bockman stand outside their new office space in the Champions Center on North Commercial Street in Trinidad. Photo by Helena Cappon.

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# Raton loves pickleball, VA clinic to be closed, and help is needed to save it

by Marty Mayfield  
KRTN Multi-Media

**RATON** — It was a cold and snowy Tuesday evening, March 22, when the Raton City Commissioners huddled up to hear a short presentation on this year's audit and a lengthier request for pickleball courts.

Leslie Fernandez then spoke to commissioners about pickleball, a sport that is growing rapidly in popularity among all ages. She came before the commission explaining the sport and where a group of up to 80 citizens have been participating lately at the convention center. They were using the high school tennis courts until the weather turned bad and were allowed to move to the convention center, where they have access to three courts. JP Duran informed commissioners that they are hoping for eight courts in the area of the aquatic center. To do eight courts will fill a space of 160' x 160'. Concrete for the courts would run about \$69,000 with the actual court surface running about \$52,000. Fencing and lighting costs have not yet been received by the group who is looking for grants to help pay for the courts.

It was also noted that the VA clinic in Raton is slated to be closed. The facility serves about 868 vets from around a very large area. In order to save the facility, it is being requested that people contact our New Mexico federal elected officials as well as elected officials from the surrounding states as several vets come from Colorado, Oklahoma and Texas.

In other business, commissioners heard from Alan Bower of Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC informed the commission that the audit received a very good report with no exceptions. The audits of all three entities, City of Raton, Raton

Water Works, and Raton Public Service Company were equally clean.

Commissioners approved the lodgers tax requests for the Raton Supercross for \$2,200 and the ad for the *World Journal* Summer Guide for \$1,200. They postponed the request from the Dawson Reunion group until a couple of concerns could be addressed. Their request includes a couple of items that commissioners felt may not be covered in the regulations covering lodgers tax uses.

Approved a proposal from Parkhill, formerly Gordon Environmental, for land fill monitoring. The cost of the proposal is \$28,990 which city manager Scott Berry hasn't gone up in the last couple of years.

Commissioners approved the use of the Houston-Galveston Area Council contract for the purchase of one ladder truck and one type one engine. The city is applying for a loan from DFA to cover the type one engine and a portion of the ladder truck. Fire funds will be used to cover this debt service. Because of construction and other delays the city should see the new trucks in about two years.

Alpha Design will be used for the professional service to replace the doors at the convention center at a cost of \$6,800 plus GRT.

Commissioners approved the budget adjustment of \$500 for the JJAC Grant. It moves travel expenses to the Youth Sub Committee to cover stipends for the committee members.

City treasurer Michael Anne Antonucci went over the rules for the budget preparation and guidelines for the FY23 budget cycle. Berry suggested a budget workshop this year to be held at the Airport Armory building in late April.



**Leslie Fernandez spoke to commissioners about Pickle Ball and asked the commissioners to consider building eight new courts for the sport here in Raton. She added that she would be more than happy to work on a grant for the courts if the city is willing to accept the funding. She noted that some 80 area residents are participating in the sport locally. Photo by Marty Mayfield**

The FY22 February financial report showed a 13.18% increase in gross receipts tax income over budget. The city also saw an increase in the small cities assistants funds which Antonucci said she will use some of the increase to help cover expenses in fuel costs and other items that have increased significantly in the last months.

There are several line-item adjustments in the ninth budget adjustment for FY22, some of which are to cover increased costs from natural gas costs for the aquatic center. Lodgers tax monies were also being moved around since

there weren't very many requests over the last couple of years for promotional funds the city now has a surplus.

Berry reported the city has several grant applications in the works that include street improvements and one grant to digitize city documents.

Commissioners then went into a closed session to discuss the city manager.

Commissioners will meet again on April 12, 2022, at 6 p.m. in the commission chambers. City offices will be closed on April 15 for Good Friday.

## 2022 Raton High School NM Girls and Boys State Reps

Courtesy  
Lynette Simpson, MA  
Counselor,  
Raton High School



Boys State representatives: pictured from L to R: Anderson Weese, Cole Hopper, and Cayden Walton. Photos by Lynette M. Simpson



Girls State representatives: pictured L to R: Torrence Sandoval, Sophie Medina, Zoey Salazar, Cyrena Ayon, and Erica Burgos.

**RATON** — Girls State and Boys State are made up of young women and men from all across the state who have just completed their junior year of high school, going into their senior year.

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This practical experience will allow delegates to leave Girls State and Boys State with a real-world understanding of democracy, campaigning for office to being an overall more informed and well-rounded citizen primed to be the leaders of tomorrow.

Raton High School administration, teachers, and

staff are proud to announce our 2022 New Mexico Girls State and Boys Representatives:

### GIRLS STATE

Cyrena Ayon, daughter of Cody and Bernardino Ayon; Erica Burgos, daughter of Stephanie Burgos; Sophie Medina, daughter of Kerry and Kristie Medina; Zoey Salazar, daughter of Ernest and Robynn Salazar; and Torrence Sandoval, daughter of Nathaniel and Danielle Sandoval.

### BOYS STATE

Cole Hopper, son of David and Michelle Hopper; Cayden Walton, son of Brock and Ashley Walton; and Anderson Weese, son of Maegan Shields and Scott Weese.

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# Art Cartopia creativity and shenanigans are just around the corner

Grand re-opening on Saturday, April 2nd from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Amanda Palmer stands with "Zephyr" in the Art Cartopia Museum. Both Zephyr and Palmer are getting ready for their grand re-opening on Saturday, April 2nd from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and are excited to welcome the community back to their space. Photo by Helena Cappon

by Helena Cappon  
**TRINIDAD** — As most Trinidadians and southern Coloradoans can tell you, the annual parade "Artcade," has been painting the town of Trinidad annually since 2013.

In fall of 2018, the collective behind Artcade set up shop as the infamous and unparalleled Art Cartopia off of I25 at 2702 Freedom Road; the one and only that can catch an eye even in the briefest of moments for travelers on the interstate just north of Trinidad.

The museum and experience is now home to over 25 "art cars," and is self described as "a regional center of creativity and shenanigans." Art cars can be explained as a functioning car that has been transformed into art through personal expression and countless media from paint, to collage, sculpture, and so much more.



In the past, Art Cartopia has been led by Rodney Wood and Susan Palmer, and since January the torch has been passed to longtime supporter, Artcade VP and "Cartist" Amanda Palmer. Palmer has been involved with Art Cartopia since 2018, shortly before the museum opened. She holds a

plethora of experience as a museum director and curator, and plans to continue the legacy of the museum in more ways than one. As Palmer explains, Art Cartopia is already established and set up as an amazing organization, so most of the time spent in these last few months during the museum's closure has been spent cleaning, reorganizing, and planning upcoming events, hands-on activities and art cars.

Palmer is excited to focus on building more art cars with the community, and more specifically kids. One of her

favorite parts of this form of art and expression is it "opens it up to people who are not artists." Anyone can participate in the build of an art car, and can express themselves through the various methods it takes to construct such a masterpiece.

Coming up on Saturday, April 2nd, the Art Cartopia Museum will be hosting a grand re-opening party for the community from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be music by Robbie and the Reckless from Noon to 2 pm, a Three Sisters Fry Bread Company food truck, over 35 art cars, and even a Pop-Up Tintype Photography Booth by Salida Tintype. These one of a kind photographs are by reservation only, so one may contact Tim at 719-221-1115 to schedule a Tintype photo to be done at Art Cartopia that day.

Art Cartopia is always looking for folks to participate and volunteer at the museum to assist in events, tours, fixing cars, telling their stories and so much more. For a one of a kind volunteer experience, contact Amanda Palmer at 719-859-0292. For more information, check out their website at artcartopia.com.

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