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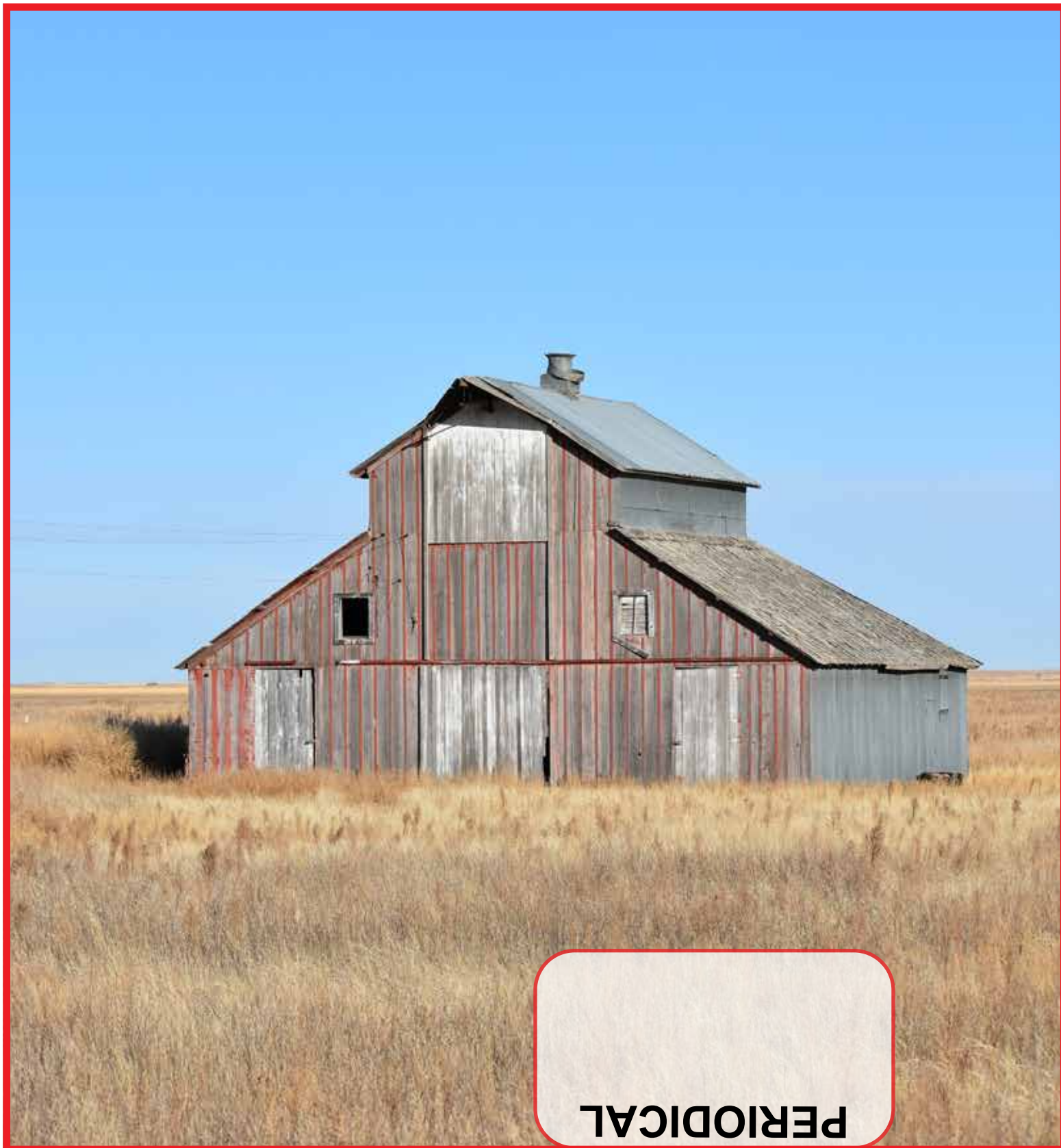
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Barn standing the test of time northwest of Eads in Kiowa County.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

EMAIL TO KIOWACOUNTYPRESS@GMAIL.COM

**Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting Jan-27**  
Feb-12 Open to the public  
9:00am - Commissioners  
will recess 12 - 1 for lunch -  
4 day notice is preferred for  
posted agenda

**Eads Drivers License Schedule Jan -28-29**

**Kiowa County Clerk & Recorder Office will be CLOSED** January 20-22 for Training. Sorry for Any Inconvenience

**FREE DUMP DAY Eads Landfill Accepting Regular Residential Waste from KIOWA COUNTY RESIDENTS ONLY** Saturday January 25, 2020 - 8:00 am to 3:30 pm

**2020 High Plains Snow Goose Festival Photo Contest.** Entry Deadline: 5pm Jan 31, 2020. More information at [www.highplains-snowgoose.com](http://www.highplains-snowgoose.com)

**High Plains Snow Goose Festival Thurs Feb 6, 2020** - Sun Feb 10, 2020. For complete activity schedule go to <https://highplains-snowgoose.com/2020-schedule>

**High Plains Snow Goose Festival Trade Show/Craft Fair Silent Auction** Feb 7-12pm-4pm; Feb 8- 8am-4pm Lamar High School -1900 S 11st -Lamar CO

**Eads Drivers License DD-214 or Active Military ID** must be presented at time of renewal for Military Insignia to be placed on your license

**MVR Reports available Kiowa County Clerk Office** 1305 Goff St. 719-438-5421

**Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site Winter Hours.** The park is open Monday through Friday 9am to 4pm. Closed Saturday and Sunday. Ranger programs will be offered at 10am and 2pm Monday through Friday. For more information, contact Teri Jobe, Sand Creek Massacre NHS, (719) 438-5916 or visit [www.nps.gov/sand](http://www.nps.gov/sand). Entrance to the Sand Creek Massacre NHS is free.

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PG-13 6:30 pm daily  
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PG-13 9:05 pm daily  
COMING SOON  
LITTLE WOMEN, LIKE A BOSS, DOLITTLE  
REGULAR PRICING THURSDAY - STAR WARS

brary has a year-round book sale!

## BIRTHDAYS

### January 20

- Ryan Trosper
- Clara Harland
- Whitley Crow
- Brantley Andrew McCracken
- Emily Nelson
- Lauretta Brown
- Denise Beaman

### January 20

Lauretta Brown

### January 21

Lawanda Allee

### January 25

Brenda Robertson

### January 26

Carol Shalberg

### January 21

- Trevor Carney
- Scott Wilson
- Amber Kopasz
- Julie Boucher
- German Zamarripa
- Caleb Foster
- Bryce Kraft
- Lawanda Allee

- Alvin Siefkas\*In Memory
- Briana Kent

### January 22

- Chase Stolzenberger
- Jamie Bayer
- Lindsay Sheridan

### January 23

- Layton Hopkins
- Zemery Analeece Weber
- Skyler Weeks
- Brenda Robertson
- Irene Crosby
- Brison Crow

### January 24

- Delisa Weeks
- Drew Koch

### January 25

- Vincent Koeller
- Nikki Japhet
- Cedric Legg
- Caden Dane Muth

### January 19

- Teller Scott Eder
- Cayden Shade
- Jennifer Sawyer
- Lisa Miller
- Faith Ramsay
- Sean Moreno
- Marvin Koeller
- Carol Shalberg

## KiowaCountyPress.net WEATHER

**Jan 08 - Jan 14, 2020**  
Date High Low Precip

8:00am Reading For The Previous 24 hrs			
08	56	14	0.00
09	51	22	0.00
10	49	22	0.00
11	40	2	0.00
12	47	25	0.00
13	49	15	0.00
14	54	15	0.00

Last Year High/Low: ..... NA/NA  
Jan Precip ('19/'20)..... 0.06/0.00  
Year-to-Date Precip. .... 0.00

FRI	SAT
59	46
19	18
SUN	MON
48	48
18	18

## Pastor's Pearls

Pastor Rich Z

YOU'LL GET YOURS

"The faithless will be fully repaid for their ways, and the good man rewarded for his."

Proverbs 14:14

## ANNIVERSARIES

### January 20

- Mr. & Mrs. Leo Specht

### January 21

- Mr. & Mrs. David Woolsey

### January 25

- Mr. & Mrs. Dustin Owen



## ABOUT TOWN

DORIS LESSENDEN



hoops" for insurance rules. But when I do go, I am so impressed to see, besides Kiowa County people, a lot of out of town folk. It is good to see that many people from Lamar, Wiley, McClave, Kit Carson, Seibert, and elsewhere who have confidence in our providers. Provider refers to a doctor, PA, and FNP or a nurse. The whole staff is kind and caring at the clinic and in the Weisbrod Hospital.

Janette (Peterson) Kochis just retired from being a traveling dietician-consultant this month. She is a former Eads and Colorado State University alumna who

has traveled from her home near at Mathe-son for many years to counsel the Dietary Department at Weisbrod and other places in the state. Ginger (Larrew) McPherson, head of the Weisbrod Dietary Department, hosted a special "thank you" party for Janette in December.

There is a lot of excitement in the county among people who have used the Prairie Pines swimming pool in the past for fun, therapy, or parties. The staff hosted a grand reopening reception last Sunday. People can call the Pines office and pay a small fee to swim there.

Betty Morris was introduced to me as a lady from Lamar at the Weisbrod Extended Care Unit last month. This week at Bible study, we were happy to learn that we had known each other before after she told me that she had lived at Towner and was a post-master in her career. Her

**Funeral Service**  
**Rosemary Stoker**  
 January 27, 1935 - January 12, 2020  
**Visitation Saturday January 18, 2020 - 11:00am-1:00pm**  
**Haswell Community Building**  
**Funeral Service will follow at 1:00pm**  
**Haswell Community Building**  
**Burial will be held at the Haswell Cemetery**  
**Memorial contributions may be made to**  
**Haswell United Methodist Church or**  
**Haswell Community Building**

Arrangements are under the direction of Brown Funeral Home

husband was Milan, and her son is Kelly, the race car driver, who owns a well-respected auto repair shop in Lamar.

Tom Price, twin brother of Delores Rector of Eads, died last week. Tom used to drive down from Stratton to visit our senior citizens dinners. He has been living in Prairie Pines the last year. We visitors have admired his wonderful singing ability and amaz-

ing memory of words for numerous songs.

Eboni Nash, formerly of Eads, has been writing thought-provoking essays while she was in college in Nebraska and now at Harvard University. Her essay last week, "Brother," touched my heart. Her brother is an immigrant, all on his own

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## East End Events

Sharon Scott

Last Friday Merle and Carol went to Colorado Springs to see his Dr. Their grandson Dalton came Thursday to spend a couple days visiting. Their grandson Dawson has been here helping out while on Christmas break from college.

Burl and Cathy Scherler joined their daughter Christy and family in Pasadena, CA last week to take in the Rose Bowl Parade and all the activities.

Ella Splitter went to Great Bend, KS last Saturday for a gymnastic competition.

Issac, Jared and Joel Splitter competed in a Speed Cubing competition in Colorado Springs

last Saturday. Great fun!

Cheri Hopkins spent Saturday watching her grandchildren Lincoln and Julia play basketball in Tribune in the morning and grandson Layton played in Syracuse that afternoon.

Kelvin and Amy Schmidt spent Friday and Saturday at basketball games in Kit Carson and Stratton. Their son Alex plays with the Eads Eagles. Their next game is at 3pm on Friday at Eads.

Larry Tuttle reported that Judy continues to improve and hopes to be home sometime this coming week.

Have a great week!!



## Pages from the Past

**15 Years Ago**  
**January 21, 2005**  
**SECPA (Southeast**  
 Colorado Power Association) donated \$2500, portion of proceeds from the annual Charity Classic Golf Tournament, to the Salvation Army Store in Eads..

**25 Years Ago**  
**January 20, 1995**  
**Towner Tales- Anne**  
 Harkness: Report cards at Plainview will be handed out. Parents are reminded lunch &

activity bills must be current for students to receive their report cards.

**40 Years Ago**  
**January 18, 1980**  
**Eastern Slope Rural**  
 Telephone is sponsoring a photo contest, with the winning entry to be used on the cover of the next telephone book.

**50 Years Ago**  
**January 16, 1970**  
**Bartlett & Co., Grain of**  
 Eads, & Anderson Seed

Co. of Lamar, sponsored a dinner meeting for 75 area farmers. The purpose was to present different seeds of the Golden Acres seed Co. of TX which are sold through the local outlets..

**100 Years Ago**  
**January 9, 1920**  
**The water bond**  
 election was carried by a majority of 53 to 11 in favor of the plant. We are now assured of a modern plant for Eads in the very near future.

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**PRESS**  
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# USDA UPDATE

EADS USDA SERVICE CENTER STAFF

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

•SERVICE CENTER CLOSED - Monday, January 20 - MLK Birthday Holiday

•CRP General Signup #54 - Deadline February 28, 2020

•Farm Loan personnel in Eads Office - 2nd Tuesday every month

•2019 & 2020 - ARCPLC signup - Begins October 1 - Deadline March 15

**Disclaimer:** Information in this UPDATE is pertinent to Kiowa County FSA only. Pro-

ducers reading this and that do not have FSA interest in Kiowa County are advised to contact their local FSA Office.

## CRP MEETING

Thank you to the producers who took the time to attend the CRP meeting, here in Eads on January 7. I am hoping it was beneficial and educational. The attendance report from all the meeting throughout the week exceeded expectations. Again, thanks to the following for contributing to the Eads meeting:

Kiowa County Com-

missioners - waiving usage fee.

Farm Credit of Southern Colorado - cookies

## REQUESTING FIELD INSPECTION

At the meeting, it was noted that NRCS employees will be completing an existing grass stand inspection to assist producers in determining the number of existing grasses and forbs present on the field. Producers with expiring CRP fields will have until Friday, February 7 to request the field inspection. It will take NRCS a considerable amount of time to complete the field inspections that have already been requested and NRCS has other programs that require attention. Producers wishing

NRCS to complete an inspection, please contact the office.

The office staff is currently accepting appointments for CRP offers. We urge producers to call or email the staff to schedule the appointment, including email or fax appointments as those will also need to be accounted for in time management. If you have requested a field inspection on the CRP, the office will contact you when that has been completed and it will be the producer's responsibility to then determine how to offer the existing stand of CRP and schedule an appointment.

## ARCPLC ENROLLMENT

Another large work-

load item for FSA offices is the 2019 - 2020 ARCPLC enrollment. Producers have until March 15 to make an election of either PLC, ARC-CO or ARC-IC. Producers on eligible farms who fail to make an election by March 15, are defaulted into the previous Farm Bill program and are NOT eligible for a 2019 payment.

Producers who are having a difficult time or would like further explanation of each program are encouraged to visit

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## Food safety training set for Colorado cottage food producers

Are you interested in bringing your home-made food products to market?

A training session offered by Colorado State University Extension - Pueblo County will provide food safety education required by the Colorado Cottage Food Act. Extension Agent Laura Griffin is presenting Cottage Food Safety Training for Colorado Cottage Food Producers January 24 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at CSU Extension, 701 Court Street, Suite C, in Pueblo.

Participants will learn which foods are permissible in the Cottage Foods Act, ingredient labeling requirements, as well as basic food safety for a home business.

A registration fee will be charged.

Online registration is available at <http://cottagefoodsjan2020.eventbrite.com>.

For more information, or to request accommodation for a disability, call 719-583-6566.



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**Kiowa County FSA Committee**  
 Destiny Haase - LAA 2 - Central area - Committee Chairperson  
 Sean Harkness - LAA 1 - East area - Committee Vice-Chairperson  
 Michael Zimmerman - LAA3 - West area - Committee Regular Member

**USDA SERVICE CENTER CONTACT INFORMATION**  
 Telephone 719-438-5851  
 FSA (Ext 2), NRCS (Ext 3).  
 FSA Fax number: 844-332-7501  
 E-mail individuals using  
 firstname.lastname@usda.gov  
 dawna.weirich, charla.ferris,  
 hallie.barlow, scott.smith

**KIOWA COUNTY FARM LOAN CONTACT INFO**  
 CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT  
 Telephone 719-336-3437 (ext 2)  
 Mary Rhoades  
 mary.rhoades@usda.gov  
 Nicole Lubbers  
 nicole.lubbers@usda.gov

**SERVICE CENTER OFFICE HOURS:**  
 Monday through Friday - 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
 By appointment only on Friday.

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## Colorado Wheat to hold 2020 county meetings and elections

Colorado wheat farmers are invited to attend and participate in the annual county business meetings and elections jointly sponsored by the Colorado Wheat Administrative Committee, the Colorado Association of Wheat Growers and the Colorado Wheat Research Foundation. The business meetings and elections will be held January 21-23, 2020, at seven different locations. Please see the table below for full details or visit [coloradowheat.org](http://coloradowheat.org).

The program at the meetings will include a presentation from Dr. Brent Young of CSU Extension on wheat marketing and economics. Updates on CAWG state and national policy efforts, new Plains-gold variety offerings and best management practices for the CoAXium® Wheat Production System will also be discussed during the meetings.

County-level representatives for both CWAC and CAWG will also be

elected at these meetings. CWAC and CAWG are two distinctly separate organizations with different but complementary purposes. CWAC is the Commissioner-appointed Board of Control for the Colorado Wheat Marketing Order, whose purpose is to oversee how Colorado's wheat assessment dollars (two cents per bushel of wheat produced in the state) are spent on research, market development, outreach, education and other various

endeavors.

Colorado Association of Wheat Growers is comprised of dues-paying members who are politically active, focusing on policy that impacts wheat producers and agriculture in general.

2020 Annual County Meetings (A complimentary meal will be served at each meeting)

**Tuesday, Jan. 21**

**8:00 a.m.**  
**Weld, Larimer, Boulder and Morgan**  
Country Steak Out-Fort Morgan - 19592 E 8th Ave

**12:00 p.m.**  
**Washington and Yuma**  
St. John's Lutheran Education Building - Yuma -508 S Ash St.

**6:00 p.m.**  
**Phillips, Sedgwick**

and Logan

Community Center - Haxtun - 125 East Wilson Street

**Wednesday, Jan. 22**  
**12:00 p.m.**

**Cheyenne and Kit Carson**  
Community Center - Burlington - 340 S. 14th Street

**6:00 p.m.**

**Baca**  
Lions Den - Springfield - 200 Main Street

**Thursday, Jan. 23**

**8:00 a.m.**  
**Prowers, Bent and Kiowa**

Community Center - Lamar - 610 S. 6th Street

**12:00 p.m.**  
**Lincoln, Elbert, El Paso, Adams and Arapahoe**

Community Center - Limon - 477 D. Avenue

### USDA Update Continued from Page A4

the following website:

[https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/arcplc\\_program/index](https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/arcplc_program/index)

There is a large amount of information on this site and also a couple of farm calculators. Just click on resources and there are two calculators available. If you need information to complete the calculators, please contact the office for that information.

Elections are done by producer who had control of the farm in 2019. Below is a brief explanation of each program:

### PRICE LOSS COVERAGE (PLC) -

Protects against lower prices and is triggered nationwide based on the prices that year. As of December 10, 2019, the projected 2019 payment rate is as follows:

Wheat - .95 bu.  
Barley - .30 bu.  
Corn - .0.  
Grain sorghum - .55 bu.

Sunflower seed - yield x rate = Benchmark individual revenue.

### AGRICULTURAL RISK COVERAGE - ARC-CO AND ARC-IC

ARC-CO - Protests against lower revenues - a combination of prices and yields

County - CO uses the national marketing year average plus the county yield - Olympic average of yield x price = Benchmark county revenue.

Individual- IC uses the individual farm yields and the marketing year average price - Olympic average of specific farm

PLC and ARC-CO can be selected for difference commodities on each farm. ARC-IC is a specific farm election, the entire farm is enrolled into ARC-IC if selected.

Below is the timeline to complete 2019-2020 election and update farm yield. FSA encourages all producers to review the yield update, even if PLC is not selected as the program. Not every Farm Bill allows yield update, therefore when the opportunity is there, take it.

### 2018 Farm Bill - State Training Timeline

**2019 Enrollment** - September 3, 2019 - March 15, 2020

**Collection of 2018 STC Yields** (using 2014 FB cascade) - September 1- September 30, 2019

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**2018 ARCPLC Payments** - October 1, 2019-January 31, 2020

**2020 Enrollment** - October 1, 2019-June 30, 2020


**2020 Yield Update** - October 1, 2019-September 30, 2020

**2019 ARCPLC Payments** - October 1, 2020



## KIOWA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

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### Joann's Poultry

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Ducks, Geese, Guineas

JOANN HARRIS  
Owner

## Tumbleweed Midstream Acquires Ladder Creek Helium Plant near Cheyenne Wells

Tumbleweed Midstream, LLC ("Tumbleweed") announced Wednesday that it has acquired the Ladder Creek Helium Plant and Gathering System and 730 miles of pipeline from DCP Midstream, LP. The plant is located just west of Cheyenne Wells near the Colorado-Kansas border. The Ladder Creek system is supported by long-term acreage dedications across a 1,000-square-mile area that spans Cheyenne, Kit Carson and Kiowa counties in Colorado

and Hamilton, Greeley, Wichita, Kearney, Wallace and Finney counties in Kansas.

The Ladder Creek Helium Plant and Gathering System serves natural gas producers operating in eastern Colorado and western Kansas, which includes the Morrow, Mississippian, Spargen, Chester and Marmaton formations. The natural gas produced in the region has a high helium content, with average concentrations as high as three percent. The plant was built in

1997 by Union Pacific Resources to separate helium from the natural gas stream and liquefy it for transport to market. DCP Midstream acquired the Ladder Creek system from Union Pacific in 1999.

Tumbleweed Midstream was established in 2019 to focus on the acquisition, operation and growth of the Ladder Creek Helium Plant and Gathering System.

Tumbleweed is led by CEO Durell Johnson, who has a unique history with the Ladder Creek plant.

He served Union Pacific as the plant's project engineer and project manager from 1997 to 1999. In this role, Johnson hired and trained all employees, commissioned the plant in 1997 and managed operations until the plant was sold to DCP. Johnson started his 35-year career in the energy industry as a reservoir engineer with Exxon in Corpus Christi, Texas.

The Ladder Creek Helium Plant

Current processing capacity at the Ladder Creek cryogenic pro-

cessing plant is 40 million cubic feet of natural gas per day (MMcf/d), expandable to 50 MMcf/d. The plant has the capacity to extract and liquefy 1.5 MMcf/d of helium, with extraction and liquefaction to purity levels of 99.999 percent.

Helium is used in cryogenics, MRI machines, welding, deep-sea diving, manufacturing of fiber optic cables and semiconductors, and retail sales of helium-filled balloons.

## KC BOCC Meeting December 26, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Kiowa County Commissioners was called to order on December 26, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Richard Scott. Oswald opened the meeting with a prayer and Pledge of Allegiance. Those in attendance:

Richard Scott, Chairman; Donald Oswald, Commissioner; Howard "Butch" Robertson, Commissioner; Delisa Weeks, County Clerk; Tina Adamson, County

Administrator

Robertson moved and Oswald seconded the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Oswald moved and Robertson seconded the motion to accept the vouchers as presented. Motion carried.

Scott moved and Oswald seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried. Added to the Agenda were the fol-

lowing items: New Business: Discussion on the lakes and Old Business: Landfill-fork lift.

**Teresa Witte, Emergency Manager;** entered the meeting to provide a quarterly report. She explained that there will be a bill for \$2,000.00 from Phillips Communications for wireless internet. This internet will be used for catastrophic emergencies. These funds will be paid by the Health Coalition.

Witte reported there have been lots of changes to the EMPG Grant and requires much more information. Witte exited the meeting at 09:42 a.m.

Oswald moved and Robertson seconded the motion to pay **Zelpha Deines, Ceramic Coordinator** for the Towner Senior Citizens; the remaining amount of the 2019 Towner Seniors Citizen's Budget after the December bills have been paid. Motion carried.

### OLD BUSINESS:

**Grant Updates:** Cindy McCloud is assisting Administrator Adamson on the final reports for the DOLA Grant. Adamson is waiting on invoices to

finish out the project.

Adamson reported the **National Park Service** will pay \$40,000.00 per year per the lease agreement made between the BOCC and the NPS. The Park Service will also pay \$2,000.00 per month toward utilities, which can be adjusted if needed.

**Landfill & Recycling Update:** There was discussion over a forklift for the landfill. No decisions were made.

Adamson said there have been no applicants for the Landfill position. Adamson will re-advertise with a broader span of advertising.

**Upcoming Meetings:** Meeting and reports were acknowledged and signed.

### NEW BUSINESS:

**Time Off Request Forms:** Oswald moved and Scott seconded the motion to approve the one time off request. Motion carried.

**Public Health Essentials for Childhood Agreement:** After a short discussion, Oswald moved and Robertson seconded the motion to approve the Public Health Essentials for Childhood Agreement.

Motion carried.

**Employee Resignation:** The Kiowa County Commissioners would like to thank Brandi Nevius for her years of service at the Social Service Department and wish her the best in her next endeavor.

**Public Health Cost Allocation Plan:** Robertson moved and Oswald seconded to sign the Public Health Allocation Plan for Kiowa County for the 2018 year. Motion carried.

**Lakes:** Administrator Adamson will contact Tri State to see if they are selling any water rights for the lakes. Chairman Scott recommended the County contact DOLA, GOCO and SECED to see if there is a type of loan/grant the County could apply for to purchase water rights.

The next regular Commissioner's meeting will be January 14, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

With no further business to discuss, Oswald moved and Robertson seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:01 p.m. Motion carried.

## FREE DUMP DAY

The Eads Landfill Will Be Accepting Regular Residential Waste

at **NO CHARGE**

**Saturday, January 25, 2020**

**8:00am to 3:30pm**

## KIOWA COUNTY RESIDENTS ONLY!

You will be required to distribute your waste in the specified place for each type of waste

**Trash /Trees-Grass-Untreated Wood  
Metal / Mattresses /Tires /E-waste**

**\*Fees will be charged for tires & e-waste\***

The Landfill Accepts  
Punch Cards, Checks  
or Credit Cards  
**NO CASH PLEASE**





## County Line Rivals Return to the Mats in Lamar

**Shelby Uhland**

The County Line Rivals returned to the mats this weekend after a long and restful Christmas break. The team traveled down the road a few miles to Lamar. Being down a few kids to injuries hindered the team score for the Rivals, as they earned into 4<sup>th</sup> place with 107 points behind Crowley County, Yuma, and Lamar. The home team ran away with the 1<sup>st</sup> place trophy with 278 points.

**Ty Michael** lost his first match of the day at 106 pounds to Chris Montoya from Trinidad by pin. Moving left he sat out one round because of a bye but came back strong and pinned Jayce Bauer from Crowley County in 3:45 to keep himself in the tournament. In a must win situation, Michael met up with Felan of Lamar. Unable to come out victorious, Ty was eliminated.

**Brenden Reifschneider** filled the 120-pound slot for the Rivals. He fell to Julian Avila of Lamar in 1:20. The freshman was unable to get anything going against Israel Leal of Dumas losing 15-4 and was forced to hit the showers.

**Tate Krentz** spent his day at 132 pounds. He fought hard against Daigan Adame of Lamar and eventually pinned the Savage to the mat after 4:48. This win advanced him against Case Buford from Crowley County. Buford got the best of our Rival pinning him in 1:59. He then crossed to the bottom side of the bracket where he matched up with Elijah Baber of Lamar.

Krentz lost a 7-4 decision and was eliminated.

**Aiden Michael** dominated his way to the championship at 145 pounds. After earning a bye in round one, the Rival pinned Ky Bandy from Limon after 5:09 of wrestling. Next, he met Joey Ross of Yuma on the mat. After a good battle Michael got the pin in 3:37. In the championship, Isaiah Baber caught Aiden in a quick cradle after :21 seconds. He took home second place honors.

**Angel Soto-Delgado** filled the 152-weight pound class for the Rivals. He began his day with a good win against Dominic Esparza from Lamar via pin. He then met Gaije Hilferty from Limon but was unable to overcome the Badger getting pinned in 1:45. He moved to the left side where he pinned Darek Scarborough of Fowler in 2:35, but then fell to Tanner Howells from Crowley County after just :39 seconds and was forced to watch from the stands.

**Cade Zordel** had a good day at 160 pounds. He sat out round one because of a bye and won a close one in a 3-2 decision against Zachary Armour from Stratton. In the semifinals, Zordel couldn't handle Jose Serrano from Lamar getting pinned after 1:08. This pitted him against Bradyn Tacha of Limon. After 2:27 of wrestling the Rival got pinned. He finished the day with a win over Tanner Natelli from Ellicott to earn 5<sup>th</sup> place.

**AJ Wilk** was one of two Rivals at 170 pounds. He lost his first match to Isaiah Felan from Lamar by pin in 5:56 but was able to defeat Ramon Castillo from Dumas by pin in 1:41 to stay in the tournament. Next, he pinned Sam Parker of Crowley County in 2:54. He then took on his teammate,

Chris Torres. Wilk got Torres pinned to the mat after 2:47 of wrestling and advanced to the next round. There he faced Ross Gruenloh from La-



Angel Soto Delgado had a pretty good day on the mat Saturday during tournament action in Lamar

Rhonda Uhland Photo

mar. Wilk fell to Gruenloh and moved to the 5<sup>th</sup> place match. Due to the 5-match rule he couldn't wrestle and earned 6<sup>th</sup> place medal.

**Chris Torres** was Rival number two at 170 pounds. He kept everyone on their toes in his first match of the day defeating David Soto from Lamar in overtime. Next, he met Grayden Flint of Holly, but couldn't get a win against the Wildcat. This loss moved him to the left side where he defeated Curran Holloran from Crowley County in a 10-7 decision, then had to take on fellow Rival, AJ Wilk. The two battled hard, but Torres got caught in a pin after 2:47. This loss eliminated him from the tournament.

**Jamie Ibarra** filled one of two Rival slots at 182 pounds. He sat out the morning session because of two byes in the bracket. He finally got to wrestle in the semifinals where he defeated Cayden Lynch of Yuma by pin in 2:16. He advanced to the championship where he lost

a tough battle to Anthony Martinez from Lamar 6-4. Ibarra took home 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

**Angel Medina** was the other Rival at 182

defeated Gustavo Miranda from Lamar pinning the Savage in 2:32. In the semifinals he fell to JJ Horn from Fowler by pin in :51. Moving left, he lost a 3-1 decision against Jamie Sanchez of Dumas and moved to the 5<sup>th</sup> place match. Here he defeated the same Gustavo Miranda from Lamar again by pin, this time in 3:46. The Rival earned 5<sup>th</sup> place.

**Chase Stolzenberger** was the 285-pound wrestler for the Rivals. He sat out round one drawing a bye. In round two he pinned Donovan Guevara from Lamar after 1:41. Next up was Lars Sims from Yuma. Stolzenberger fought hard but lost in overtime to the Indian. Then he took on another Yuma Indian, Brandon Mendoza. Eventually Stolzenberger got him pinned after 4:32. He advanced to the consolation championship where he fell to Issac Mantey from Burlington but took home the 4<sup>th</sup> place medal.

The Rivals have a big week ahead of them. After four good days of practice, they will host a 3 team dual with powerhouses Peyton and Paoonia on Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> at the conclusion of the varsity basketball games. The next day they will host the annual Eads Invitational on Saturday, January 18. The action will begin at 10:00 am, so come out and support our County Line Rivals.

**Brooks Jones** spent his day in the 220-pound weight class. He drew a bye in round one, and

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# Kiowa County Vouchers – November 2019

The following vouchers were paid at the Regular Meetings held on November 14, 2019 & November 26, 2019 to be paid out of 2019 Budget to wit:

## Capital Transfer

Charles Collins, Cons. Trust - Lake Cleanup	\$900.00
	\$900.00

## CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

IMEG, CxServices Murdock Project	\$2,990.00
Latcon Corp., Murdock/NPS Project Construction	\$180,578.94
Latcon Corp., Murdock/NPS Project Construction	\$108,189.03
Zink & Associates, INC, Murdock Building	\$6,323.69
	\$298,081.66
Hospital	
Weisbrod Hospital, District Transfer / County Tax	\$89,028.00
	\$89,028.00

## FAIR BOARD

Bling About Town, Banners	\$88.00
Kiowa County Independent, Advertising	\$33.00
Patties Potties, Porta Potty Rent	\$214.00
	\$335.00

## SOCIAL SERVICES

Kiowa County Treasurer, CG Employer/Employee Benefits	\$18,183.25
	\$18,183.25

## PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY FUND

Atmos Energy, P/H - Gas	\$53.49
CDPHE, Public Health Vital Statistics	\$72.75
Crows Stop and Shop, EE Goodwill	\$46.40
Culligan/DeLoachs Water Conditioning, Water	\$8.00
Eastern Slope Rural Telephone, EPR Phones \$80.78,	
Public Health Phones \$188.48	\$269.26
Kiowa County Treasurer, PH Employer/Employee Benefits/Direct	
Deposit	\$10,302.53
Kiowa National Bank, HSA Deposit Clearing/Employer (CMG)	
Deposit	\$192.00
MASA MT's, Elective Benefits-Monthly	\$14.00
Pitstop Oil, LLC, Fuel	\$95.46
Prowers County, CMG Office Rent	\$82.71
Quill Corporation, Office Supply	\$140.53
S.E.C.P.A., PH/Nurse-Electric	\$121.84
Town of Eads, Water	\$90.47
Unifirst Corporation, Office Supply	\$43.36
Viaero Wireless, CMG - Phone	\$80.03
VISA-GNB, CMG-Travel/Meetings \$32.70; Misc. Auto	
Expense \$55.97; Office Supplies \$24.98	\$113.65
	\$11,726.48

## COUNTY GENERAL

Moe Carrier Service LLC, Trailer	\$6,000.00
719 Supply LLC, Fairgrounds Repairs	\$11.03
Alexander Clark Printing, Sheriff-Printing citations, Postage	\$777.72
Atmos Energy, Natural Gas- Courthouse \$317.83, Bransgrove	
Upstairs \$50.88, Comm. Bldg \$58.13, Fairgrounds BBQ \$0 Senior	
Citizens \$58.38	\$485.22
AVENU, Treas. Rental Contract \$1340.54, Assr Rental	
Contract \$1340.55	\$2,681.09
Bent County Sheriff, Sheriff-Dispatch	\$2,500.00
Bent County Sheriff, Jail-Prisoner Keep for September and	
October	\$17,750.00
Brandon Arnold, Sheriff - Auto Repairs	\$82.56
Brenda Fickenscher, Judge-Counting/Signature Verification;	
Mileage	\$136.64
Business Solutions Leasing, Service Agreement	\$179.97
CAT Financial Service Corp, LF Compactor	\$2,977.07
Colorado Solid Waste Consultants, LLC, Engineering & Consulting	
Fees/ Landfill	\$148.74
Consolidated Communications, Towners Seniors-Telephone	\$38.49
Cougar Mountain Forms, Office Supplies	\$400.00
Creative Product Source, Advertising - DEM	\$191.35
Crow's Stop & Shop, Eads Snrs-Group Meal \$107.64, Food	
Vouchers \$1669.78; Bldg Maint Supplies \$37.36; ADMIN	
Employee Goodwill \$973.75	\$2,788.53
DeLoachs Water Conditioning Inc., Seniors Water Treatment	\$19.50
District Attorney, Salaries - 1439.58, Elected Official - \$208.67;	
Operating Supplies - \$245.08	\$1,893.33
DocuTek INC, Clerk - Maintenance Contract	\$650.00
Eads Auto Supply, Maintenance, Sheriff Repairs, Landfill	
Supplies	\$1,385.64
Eads Consumer Supply Co., Sheriff - Repairs & Fuel	\$279.47
East End Seniors, Staff: Barbara Wilson	\$200.00
Eastern Slope Rural Telephone, Telephone/Internet Services	\$1,460.40
Front Range Research Associates, Inc., Survey	\$1,388.00
Galls, Inc., Sheriff-Uniforms \$219.98; Shipping-\$7.48; Jail-Jail	
Supplies \$302.40	\$530.22
Girard National Bank, Debt Svc/Cars, Lease Payment, Loan	
Payment	\$1,940.01
Gobin's Inc., Admin -Service Agreement	\$66.00
Hotel Elegante, 2019 CCI Hotel	\$392.00
Hotel Elegante, 2018 CCI Hotel Reservations	\$588.00
Jack Howard, Ambulance Contract Labor	\$350.00
Janelle Crow, Judge-Counting/Signature Verification	\$120.00
Kim Richards, LAT Judge - Elections	\$60.00

Kiowa County Independent, Treasurers Legal/Publications	\$1,345.45
Kiowa County Treasurer, CG Employer/Employee Benefits	\$107,057.75
Kiowa Healthmart, Testing Postage	\$15.44
Kiowa National Bank, HSA Deposit Clearing	\$657.00
KS State Bank, Gov't Finance Dept., Capital Outlay LED	
Lighting	\$1,153.94
Legal Shield, Elective Benefits	\$12.95
Laurie Musgrave, Judge-Counting/Signature Verification; Mileage	\$145.60
Mandy Adamson, Elections - Audit/Canvass Judge	\$60.00
MARC, Bldg Maint. Supplies; FG Supplies	\$467.07
MASA Mts, Elective Benefits	\$74.00
Moe Carrier Service LLC, Capital Outlay Trailer	\$6,000.00
Patricia Roper, Election: Judging scan and verification	\$25.00
Plains Network Services Inc., Paper- Split amongst different	
offices	\$1,118.50
Postmaster, Admin Fees Box Rent	\$120.00
Prowers County Jail, Jail-Prisoner Keep	\$100.00
Quill Corporation, Offices Supplies	\$596.88
Road & Bridge, T-Van Repairs \$23.97, Landfill-Fuel \$557.69,	
Building Maintenance Fuel \$43.69; Supplies \$12.09 Recycling	
Fuel \$110.51; Benefits Paid out of wrong account \$1548.40	\$2,296.35
S.E.C.P.A., Utilities-Electric	\$3,417.96
SECUM, Sheriff-Internet	\$187.08
SHARE Corporation, Maintenance- Building Supplies	\$903.43
Shellie Engelhardt, BOCC Lunch; Employee Goodwill	\$139.72
Shelly Myers, Judge-Counting/Signature Verification	\$120.00
State Chemical Solutions, Maint. Bldg.Supplies	\$306.57
State of Colorado DPA Accounting, Postage	\$70.44
State of Colorado DPA Accounting, Postage	\$90.12
Steerman Law Offices, County Attorney Retainer	\$281.25
Thunderbird Petroleum Prod, LLC, Sheriff-Fuel; Auto/Repairs/	
Tires	\$147.71
Town of Eads, Seniors Water \$90.47, Courthouse Water \$201.62;	
Museum \$0	\$292.09
Towner Recreation District, Towner SRS Utilities	\$150.00
Unifirst, CG Building Supplies \$139.84, Maint Uniforms \$84.18,	
LF Uniforms \$31.98	\$256.00
Viaero, Sheriff-Telephone	\$290.13
Viaero, Landfill \$38.81, Maint. \$118.12, DEM \$77.88	\$234.81
VISA-GNB, Office Supplies	\$1,815.54
West End Golden Seniors, Haswell Seniors-Utilities	\$474.47
West End Golden Seniors, Haswell-Dinner and Supplies	\$83.59
WEX Bank, Sheriff Auto Fuel	\$845.45
Wheatland Electric Cooperative, Towner Streetlight \$43.77,	
Emergency Siren \$25.21	\$68.98
World Class Flags/OLC Supply, Supplies	\$153.95
Zink & Associates INC, Underfunded Courthouse Single Entry	
Point	\$3,963.69
	\$184,009.89

## Road & Bridge

4 Rivers, Equipment Repairs	\$1,369.00
719 Supply LLC, Filters, Supplies	\$497.67
ACE Tire Service LLC, Tires	\$1,858.30
Airgas USA, LLC, Maintained, Equipment	\$245.98
ATMOS Energy, Gas	\$112.22
Buckner Truck Sales, Supplies	\$614.81
Colorado Natural Gas Inc., Sheridan Lake Shop	\$124.61
Colorado Tire & Service, Tires	\$2,355.54
Consolidated Communications, Sheridan Lake Shop	\$41.88
Country Air, LLC, Building Repair	\$133.00
Crow's Stop & Shop, Employee Goodwill	\$348.07
Dragon Products, LLC, Repairs	\$1,244.76
Eads Auto Supply & Hardware, Supplies \$2,510.88,	
Repairs \$899.16, Filters \$179.07, Fuel/Oil/Diesel \$150.00,	
Small Tools \$89.94	\$3,829.05
Eastern Slope Telephone, Telephone	\$124.06
Fremont Paving, Asphalt	\$2,671.50
Haswell Propane, Fuel \$889.98, Supplies \$3.08	\$893.06
Hotel Elegante, 2018 CCI Hotel Reservations	\$588.00
John Deere Credit, Equipment Payments / Fleet Tax	\$6,368.66
PROCOM, LLC, DOT Random Alcohol Testing	\$21.50
Rockmount Research & Alloys Inc., Supplies	\$323.11
Rusler Implement Company, Equip. Repair	\$894.25
SECPA, Southeast Colorado Power	\$796.27
Sheridan Lake Water District, Water	\$40.00
Thunderbird Petroleum Products, Supplies \$122.92;	
Repairs \$27.42; Small Tools \$26.30; Fuel \$154.50	\$331.14
Town of Eads, Fairgrounds-Water	\$136.86
Town of Haswell, Water	\$35.00
Unifirst, Uniforms and Supplies	\$441.24
Wagner Equipment CO, Equipment Filters & Repairs	\$8,973.65
Billie Cordova, Rent	\$250.00
Eads Consumer Supply, Repair Fuel Tires	\$10,053.86
Kiowa National Bank, HSA Deposit Clearing	\$1,090.00
MASA MTS, Elective Benefits	\$23.00
Kiowa County Treasurer, FED/FICA to offset Direct Deposit,	
Insurance	\$57,829.65
Kiowa County Hospital District, Physicals/Testing	\$308.00
Kiowa County Independent, Public/Legal Notice	\$179.15
Stand By Power Service Co. Inc., DTR Tower-Outside Repairs	\$1,622.30
Valley Truck Parts, Inc., RB/Equipment	\$50.00
Hotel Elegante, 2019 CCI Reservations	\$392.00
	\$107,211.15

## EADS SCHOOL CALENDAR

Fri, Jan. 17

- **Teacher/Staff** Work-day
- **8:30 a.m.** Eads High School Knowledge Bowl
- **4:00 p.m.** HS BB (H) Idalia

Sat Jan. 18

- **10:00 a.m.** HS W (H)
- Mon, Jan. 20
- **MS League** BB Trny at C.W.

Tues, Jan. 21

- **MS League** BB Trny at C.W.

Wed, Jan. 22

- **FFA Stock Show Day** lv 7:30 a.m.

Thurs Jan. 23

- **5:00 p.m.** HS W Tri at Yuma
- **4:00 p.m.** HS BB at Granada lv 2:00

Fri Jan. 24

- **8:30 a.m.** HS KB at Springfield lv 6:30 a.m.
- **4:00 p.m.** HS BB (H) McClave

Sat Jan. 25

- **9:00 a.m.** HS W at Strasburg

Mon Jan. 27

- **6:00 p.m.** Account-ability Meeting
- **7:00 p.m.** Board Meeting

Tues Jan. 28

- **12:00 p.m.** MS W at Burlington

Thurs Jan. 30

- **HS W Tri** at Rocky Ford TBA
- **4:00 p.m.** HS BB
- at Wiley lv 2:45 p.m.

Fri Jan. 31

- **8:30 a.m.** MS KB at Swink lv 6:50 a.m.
- **6:00 p.m.** Eaglette's Showcase Night HS Gym

## OFFICE CLOSED

**Kiowa County Clerk & Recorder Office will be CLOSED January 20-22 for Training.**

**Sorry for Any Inconvenience**



## EADS SCHOOL BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MEN

### Breakfast

**January 20:** Scrambled eggs, toast, orange juice, milk, fruit

**January 21:** Breakfast burrito, apple juice, milk, fruit

**January 22:** Pancakes, sausage link, grape juice, milk, fruit

**January 23:** French toast, orange juice, milk, fruit

### Lunch

**January 20:** Tomato soup, grilled cheese, cherry crisp, milk, salad bar

**January 21:** Barbecue ribs, butted noodles, brownies, grapes, milk, salad bar

**January 22:** Bacon cheeseburger, tater tots, banana, milk, salad bar

**January 23:** Ham and cheese pocket, cooked carrots, milk, salad bar

## PLAINVIEW SCHOOL CALENDAR

Jan 20

• JH Basketball Tournament

Jan 24

• 8:30am - 1:00pm HS Knowledge Bowl @ Springfield

Jan 31

• 8:30am - 12:00pm JH Knowledge Bowl @ Swink

## KIT CARSON SCHOOL CALENDAR

Jan. 17

• HS BB at Granada at 4 p.m. JVG, JVB, VG, VB

Jan. 18

• JH & HS BB at Hi-Plains/Flagler at 1 p.m. JHBG, JHBG, JHAG, JHAB, JVG, JVB, VG, VB

## Eads High School second quarter honor roll

### Seniors

#### A Honor Roll

- Lauren Brown
- Kaycee Ellenberger

#### B Honor Roll

- Nicholas Epper
- Jonah Schofield

### Juniors

#### A Honor Roll

- Joseph Haase
- Mollie Kelley
- Hatch Nelson
- Allyson Spady

#### B Honor Roll

- Victoria Carey
- Paris King
- Amber Kopasz
- Brandon Lening
- Morgan Morris

- Bradley Musgrave
- Colby Stoker

### Sophomores

#### A Honor Roll

- Rhealie Rittgers
- Levi Johnson
- Ross Brown

#### B Honor Roll

- Ty Wilson

### Freshmen

#### A Honor Roll

- Samantha Courkamp
- Maggie Haase
- Piper Sorter
- AJ Vasquez

#### B Honor Roll

- Brianna Habinck
- Taygen Ferris
- Brenden Reifschneider

## Eads Middle School second quarter honor roll

### Sixth Grade

#### A Honor Roll

- Sophie Mitchell
- Eric Murdock
- Kara Wilson
- Shaine Winder

#### B Honor Roll

- Lane Bybee
- Tailee Johnson
- Connor Lynch
- Lexi Shotton
- Johnathan Vasquez

### Seventh Grade

#### A Honor Roll

- Koree Ellenberger
- Stockton Mitchek
- Aaron Musgrave
- Case Nelson

- Alessandra Paez
- Zoie Arnold-Kraft
- Kaden Nelson (Dunlap)
- Spencer Uhland

### Eighth Grade

#### A Honor Roll

- Katie Johnson
- Rachel Kopasz
- Breanna Lawrence-Wilson (Scranton)

- Brentley Lening
- Madison McDowell
- Porter Spady

#### B Honor Roll

- Bo Jamen Arnold
- Ashleigh Briggs

## COMBINED NOTICE – PUBLICATION CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 01-2019

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:

On November 5, 2019, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Kiowa records.

Original Grantor(s): Barton R Michael and Misti M Michael  
Original Beneficiary(ies): Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc as nominee for Taylor, Bean & Whitaker Mortgage Corp.

Current Holder of Evidence of Debt: The Bank of New York Mellon FKA The Bank of New York as Trustee for the Benefit of the Certificateholders of CWABS, Inc. Asset-Back Certificates, Series 2005-BC4

Date of Deed of Trust: April 06, 2005  
County of Recording: Kiowa  
Recording Date of Deed of Trust: April 07, 2005

Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.): 262685 Book: 440 Page: 145-156

Original	Principal	Amount:
\$52,000.00		
Outstanding	Principal	Balance:
\$39,851.28		

Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows, failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof

## THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN

Lots Eighteen (18) and Nineteen (19), Closson's Addition to the Town of Eads

Also known by street and number as: 710 Luther Street, Eads,

CO 81036.

THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

## NOTICE OF SALE

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.

THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 03/04/2020, at West Front Door, Kiowa County Courthouse, 1305 Goff Street, Eads, Colorado 81036-0247, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

First Publication: 1/8/2020  
Last Publication: 2/5/2020  
Name of Publication: Kiowa County Independent

IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;

DATE: 11/05/2019  
Diana Flory, Public Trustee in and for the County of Kiowa, State of Colorado  
By: /s/ Diana Flory, Public Trustee

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## Kiowa County Veteran's Office



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# THOMAS "TOM" RICHARD PRICE

NOVEMBER 23, 1927 – JANUARY 7, 2020



Mary Bell (Arthur Palcic), Patsy (Clayton Orton), Yvonne (Manny Matson), Joan (Henry Haglund), and Germaine (Myrl Legg), who all have preceded him in death except his lovely twin sister, Dolores.

As a young child, Tom and his family lived and homesteaded in numerous areas in the Deer Trail/Byers area. Tom assisted in chores of many different kinds, he and his dad were always ready and willing to help out their neighbors with cattle, harvesting fields, herding sheep - you name it, they did it.

Tom and sisters attended the country schools. Chalkeye (beloved horse) always made sure the kids got to and from school each day, safely being pulled in a buckboard through rain, snow and shine. Even stopping to make \$5 to pull a stranded car stuck in the mud, which

they lovingly handed the money over to their mother.

For the first three years of high school he attended school in Deer Trail. With the importance of their Catholic faith, for his senior year he attended St. Joseph Catholic school in Denver, where he graduated with his twin sister, Dolores, in 1945.

At the age of 18 (the night before his 19th birthday), Tom's dad passed away from a kidney infection, which left Tom the "man" of the family. With this much weight imposed on his shoulders, Tom took it in stride. He stepped up to be a great support to his mother and sisters who still remained at the ranch. Tom shared so many stories of the hardships they faced each and every day, which shaped the man that dad became.

August 14, 1948, Tom married Anita Ludwick of Deer Trail. To this union seven children were born: Mary Anne, Nick, Art, Bill, infant daughter, Pat and Denise.

Tom was a businessman. With the knowledge he earned in the school of hard knocks, with a deadline at 3:00 p.m. Christmas eve 1959, Tom, with Stanley

Bixlor, walked in at 2:55 p.m. with the money and the first to arrive, purchased the land 18 miles northeast of Stratton. He successfully built this ranch to one of the biggest ranch/landowners in Colorado in the late 70s and early 80s. Tom was not alone in the building of his success. Tom had many ranch hands who he hired, and most of them became his extended family. When all of his children reached the age of three, they were put on a horse's back, and then the life of a ranch hand begun. Mary Anne and Nick were dad's right hands in the beginning, then Art, Bill, Pat and Denise followed in their footsteps. It was a family affair.

Tom contributed much of his time and resources to multiple community enrichment programs. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Cattleman's Association and other organizations.

In Tom's free time, he loved to travel to many different states for cattle sales, going to Las Vegas, and attending the National Western Stock Show yearly for 80+ years. Singing was his lifelong passion, there was never a song unsung, he knew them all. Tom auditioned to be a

professional singer but was turned away because of the likeness of his voice to Bing Crosby. He was never afraid to sing for anyone who would take the time to listen.

He took comfort in knowing that his eternity was with Jesus and all of his loved ones who passed on before him.

Tom is preceded in death by his parents; sisters and their spouses; brother-in-law, Jerry Rector; wife, Anita; infant daughter; son, Pat; his beloved grandson, Brandon, and countless family and friends.

Left to mourn his passing are his twin sister, Dolores Rector; daughter, Mary Anne, and son-in-law, Jerry DeVinney; sons, Nick, Art, Bill; daughter, Denise; 14 grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren.

Tom Spent his final year with the exceptional care and unconditional love received from the staff at Prairie Pines Assisted Living Center in Eads and niece, Cindy Krei. In the last month of his life, Lamar Hospice was there to provide additional support and love. In his final moments, his twin sister, Dolores, niece, Cindy, and loving daughter, Denise, were by his side as he peacefully left this Earth.

A Funeral Mass of Resurrection was held January 11, 2020, at St. Charles Catholic Church in Stratton. Graveside committal services followed at Calvary Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be sent to either Prairie Pines Assisted Living, 101 East Lowell Street, Eads, Colorado, 81036, or Lamar Hospice, 108 West Olive Street, Colorado, 81052.

Arrangements were under the direction of Brown Funeral Home.

**Join us for  
Coffee Hour  
Every Friday  
at 2:00 pm**



101 E. Lowell St Eads, CO 719-438-2141  
prairiepines@esrta.com

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# Subscriber EXTRA!

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## Colorado's House, Senate leadership lay out goals for 2020 session

By Derek Draplin | The Center Square

Leaders in the Colorado House and Senate gave speeches on the first day of the 2020 legislature, reflecting on last year's session and highlighting legislative goals over the next several months.

Senate President Leroy Garcia, D-Pueblo, said "we will follow in Colorado's tradition of coming together" to solve issues in the state, but he also had a warning "to those set on continuing their commitment to gridlock."

"There has been a brazen effort to not only divide this chamber, but dismantle it, from Washington-style political antics to pointless attempts to upend the will of vot-

ers," Garcia said.

Despite attempts at gridlock, 96 percent of legislation passed last session had bipartisan support, the senate president said.

Garcia highlighted high healthcare costs, climate change, and cost of living among the issues to tackle in this legislative session.

Senate Minority Leader Chris Holbert, R-Parker, said Republicans "share your desire to work through this session more as we ended the last one than with the turmoil we experienced mid-session."

Holbert then addressed "the elephant in the room" – a lawsuit over a bill reading controversy that occurred

last session, when Republicans sued Garcia over Senate Democrats using several computers to simultaneously read a long bill at an incomprehensible speed on the Senate floor.

A Denver judge ruled that the automated reading violated the state constitution, a ruling that's been appealed.

"The objective of such readings was not to simply expend time," Holbert said of the initial request that the bill to be read at length. "The objective usually was, and is, to vie for discussion."

Holbert said of Proposition CC's rejection by voters in November that "the voters expect better return from government

for their money."

The proposition would have diminished the Taxpayers Bill of Rights by allowing state government to keep excess taxpayer revenue rather than returning it to taxpayers.

Holbert also highlighted education funding – including teacher pay – and transportation as priorities of the minority party.

House Speaker K.C. Becker, D-Boulder, touted last year's legislative session as "one of the most historic, productive sessions in our state's history."

"Coloradans need and are demanding a more affordable state and a more just economy. Too many people are not feeling the benefits of our state's growth – that's where our focus should be," Becker said, also urging Democrats and Republicans to work

together.

Becker cited gun safety, climate change, teen nicotine use, paid family leave, and K-12 investments among key issues in the session.

House Minority Leader Patrick Neville, R-Castle Rock, cited Colorado's strong economy, low unemployment and growing wages.

"What we want to be is Colorado, proud and free," he said, holding up California as an example of the policies to avoid. "We do not want to be eastern California."

Neville said his caucus will be pushing bills to expand education choice and address school spending.

Neville also pledged to fight what he called bad policies, citing more gun control measures, policies that would increase utility costs, and a "state version of Obamacare."

## Dow passes 29,000 for first time in history despite jobs report

By Bethany Blankley | The Center Square

The Dow Jones passed the 29,000 mark for the first time in history during early trading Friday following a record high opening of S&P.

Over the last three years, the stock market surges have added \$12.8 trillion to the value of American business, economists say.

The stock market record made history despite a lower than expected jobs report as traders reacted to White House sanctions on Iran and Phase 1 of the U.S.-China trade deal that is set to be signed Jan. 15.

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin announced the sanctions in a press conference Friday morning.

"The United States is targeting senior Iranian officials for their involvement and complicity in Tuesday's ballistic missile strikes," Mnuchin said in the statement. "We are also designating Iran's largest metals manufacturers, and imposing sanctions on new sectors of the Iranian economy including construction, manufacturing, and mining. These sanctions will continue until the regime stops the funding of global terrorism and commits to never having nuclear weapons."

White House economic adviser Larry

Kudlow explained the trade deal timeline to Fox Business Network.

The translation of the agreement "has worked out beautifully. It is virtually complete," Kudlow said in the interview Friday, adding that he had spoken to U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer



on Thursday.

The new jobs report shows 145,000 new jobs were created in December, less than the 160,000 predicted by Wall Street analysts.

The national unemployment rate held steady at 3.5 percent.

Most economists expected payroll gains to decrease in December after they

surged in November. Most of last month's employment gains came from service industries, according to the report.

Overall, payrolls increased by 2.1 million in 2019, less than 2018 gains. In 2019, new payroll additions averaged roughly 176,000 per month; in 2018, they averaged 227,000 per month.

Some analysts predict the economy will slow in mid-2020 at which time the Federal Reserve may revisit whether to adjust interest rates.

Critics point out that the Federal Reserve is fueling the stock market by creating debt. Since 2008, the Federal Reserve Balance Sheet has increased four-fold, as has the NASDAQ Index Value. Stock markets gains, critics argue, are inflated by debt, which is inflated by daily fiat money printing by the Federal Reserve.

However, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System explains, "The term 'printing money' often refers to a situation in which the central bank is effectively financing the deficit of the federal government on a permanent basis by issuing large amounts of currency. This situation does not exist in the United States."

"The U.S. currency has expanded at only a moderate pace in recent years," the board adds.



## Where the top Democratic candidates stand on health care

By Ted O'Neil | The Center Square

Of all the public policy issues the top-tier Democratic presidential hopefuls have addressed, health care most likely stands out as the one that separates them the most.

While they agree on expanding health insurance coverage for more Americans, they remain split on how to accomplish such a goal, in particular over the issue of "Medicare For All."

Two candidates in particular, Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren and Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, have been the most vocal in wanting to establish a single-payer system in which everyone would automatically be enrolled in an insurance plan where all medical expenses are paid for by taxpayers.

Their vision is to basically eliminate all private health insurance.

Former South Bend, Ind., Mayor Pete Buttigieg has taken the stance that private insurance should remain in place but eventually be discontinued, while former Vice President Joe Biden prefers to see private insurance remain in place but wants to make improvements to the Affordable Care Act. The ACA, often referred to as Obamacare, was a major policy victory during Biden's time in office as President Barack Obama's vice president.

With the Iowa caucuses scheduled to kick off the Democratic presidential nomination process on Feb. 3, followed by the New Hampshire primary on Feb. 11, The Center Square summarizes the top four candidates' views on health care below.

### Bernie Sanders

Sanders has long advocated for what many

have referred to as "socialized medicine" and the elimination of private insurance.

"Yes, we should essentially eliminate private health insurance," Sanders said. "Private insurance as it exists today is nothing more than confusing morass designed to make people jump through hoops before they can get the care they need."

Sanders also supports creating a public option to allow

people to buy into state Medicaid programs regardless of income, saying "Until we manage to Medicare For All, we should be giving states the tools they need to provide affordable, comprehensive coverage to their residents."

On the question of illegal immigrants receiving government-run health care, Sanders said in a tweet last June that "If you are a human being, regardless of your immigration status, you have a right to health care."

Sanders also supports increasing paid time off beyond 12 weeks under the Family and Medical Insurance Leave Act, allowing the government to produce and sell generic drugs and allowing prescription drugs to be imported from other countries.

An analysis by the Mercatus Center of a 2017 Medicare for All bill filed by Sanders found that the plan would in-

crease federal spending by at least \$32 trillion over 10 years, from 2022 through 2031.

### Elizabeth Warren

Warren holds many of the same views as Sanders, and tweeted last year: "Yes, I would support government-run insurance. Health care is a basic human right, and we fight for basic human rights. We need #Medicare For All."

Warren also supports expanding the pub-

lic option and similarly co-sponsored a bill introduced by Sanders that would provide government-run health care for illegal immigrants.

### Joe Biden

As mentioned earlier, Biden wants to improve the Affordable Care Act, "instead of starting from scratch and getting rid of private insurance."

Biden has also said he supports a public option for buying insurance through state Medicaid programs.

"Whether you're covered through your employer or on your own, you should have the choice to buy into a public option plan for Medicaid," he has said. "If the insurance company isn't doing you right, you should have another choice."

Biden also supports government-run health care for illegal immigrants. "You cannot let people who are sick, no matter where they come from, no matter their status, go uncovered," he said during the very first Democratic debate last year.

Biden, calling on personal experience, has said he favors 12 weeks of paid family leave.

"When I lost my first wife and baby daughter in a car accident, I became a single parent to my two young sons. I've taken care of an aging parent. I know how hard it is to raise a family and take care of a sick family member."

Biden's health care plan does not explicitly support the government making and selling generic drugs, but it does propose giving samples to private generic manufacturers.

Biden also supports importing prescription drugs from other countries "to create more competition for U.S. drug corporations ... as long as the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has certified that those drugs are safe."

Pete Buttigieg has not come out in favor of ending private insurance, but he also has not ruled it out under a Medicare For All plan. "I don't see why it requires that," he said. Buttigieg also supports a public option for Medicaid regardless of income, but wants to see caveats placed on the ability of illegal immigrants to obtain insurance. "Undocumented immigrants should be able to buy coverage through the public option," his campaign has said. "I would expect that you'd have to be a citizen to qualify for subsidies."

The candidate also said his plan would "provide subsidies to everyone who is eligible for them under the ACA, including U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents."

Buttigieg is on the same page as Biden in calling for 12 weeks of paid family leave, saying "Caregiving responsibilities for grandparents, grandchildren, siblings and other chosen family members will be included."

Buttigieg does not support the government making and selling generic drugs, but is OK with importing them "in a way that ensures safety and quality."



## Colorado Parks and Wildlife says evidence suggests 'likely presence' of wolves in northwestern part of state

By Derek Draplin | The Center Square

Colorado Parks and Wildlife officials say an eyewitness sighting last year and a recently found elk carcass "indicates likely presence" of a wolf pack in northwestern Colorado.

CPW's statement comes less than a week after the Secretary of State's Office [said](#) an initiative to reintroduce gray wolves in the state has qualified for the 2020 ballot.

An eyewitness reported seeing six wolves – some of which were [caught on video](#) – in northwestern Colorado near the Utah and Wyoming border in October. A scavenged elk carcass was also found last week, CPW said, leading the state agency to believe the report is "very credible."

"The sighting marks the first time in recent history CPW has received a report of multiple wolves traveling together," CPW Northwest Regional Manager JT Romatzke said in a [statement](#) Wednesday. "In addition, in the days prior, the eyewitness says he heard distinct howls coming from different



animals. In my opinion, this is a very credible report."

CPW said an investigation regarding the elk carcass is still ongoing. Both tracks found near the carcass and its condition were consistent with wolf activity, CPW officials say.

"It is inevitable, based on known wolf behavior, that they would travel here from states where their populations are well-established," Romatzke added. "We have no doubt that they are here, and the most recent sighting of what appears to be wolves traveling

together in what can be best described as a pack is further evidence of the presence of wolves in Colorado."

CPW's statement comes after the Craig Daily Press in Moffat County [inquired](#) with the state agency about hunters finding the elf

carcass.

A spokesperson for the [Rocky Mountain Wolf Action Fund](#), which is backing the initiative, said the reported sighting "bolsters our argument for a Colorado solution to the problem."

Current law in Colorado doesn't allow ranchers to receive compensation for wolves killing livestock, but the initiative if approved would provide compensation, Rick Ridder, a spokesman for the fund, told The Center Square.

CPW also noted in its statement that gray wolves are federally protected and managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

If voters approve the ballot measure in November, CPW would be tasked with creating a plan to reintroduce gray wolf populations to the Western Slope.

"What we have is Washington bureaucrats trying to decide what's best for Colorado wildlife and Colorado hunters and anglers," Ridder said. "We look at this as a local control measure."

Denny Behrens, co-chair of the Colorado Stop the Wolf Coalition, said there have been reports of wolves in Colorado over the past 15 years.

"The problem is wolves have been here, there's no need to do an introduction," Behrens said.

"To the people on the Front Range, my question is why are you going to vote to introduce an animal to the Western Slope that's going to cause harm to us?" he added.

The coalition opposing the measure is made up of sportsmen and hunting groups, outfitters, ranchers and farming organizations.

## Colorado voters to decide on gray wolf initiative in 2020

By Derek Draplin | The Center Square

The effort to reintroduce gray wolves in Colorado has collected enough valid signatures to appear on the 2020 ballot, the Secretary of State's Office said.

The office projects 139,000 of the over 215,000 signatures [turned in](#) last month by supporters of Initiative 107, also known as the "Restoration of Gray Wolves" Initiative, are valid sig-

natures. The initiative needed 124,632 valid signatures to make the ballot.

If approved by voters, the measure would require the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission (CPW) to form a plan to restore gray wolf populations in the western part of the state.

The initiative is opposed by numerous farming, livestock and hunting groups that makes up the [Stop the Wolf Coalition](#), which

believes the reintroduction of gray wolves would be damaging to wildlife and livestock.

Some 17 counties also have formally opposed gray wolf reintroduction. [Elbert, Montezuma and Douglas](#) Counties most recently passed resolutions opposing the measure.

The [Rocky Mountain Wolf Action Fund](#), the primary backer of the initiative, argues that reintroducing gray wolves would restore a key part

of Colorado's ecosystem.

The initiative would also require CPW to "fairly compensate owners for losses of livestock caused by gray wolves."

The measure if passed would cost the commission more than \$344,000 in fiscal year 2021-22 and over \$467,000 in fiscal year 2022-23, [ac-](#)

[cording](#) to a fiscal report. Colorado voters will also [decide](#) on a referendum to repeal the state's national popular vote law in 2020.



# How to File Your State and Federal Taxes for Free in 2020

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Most Americans are eligible for free tax preparation services, but the truly free options can be hard to find. If you're not careful, you could end up using a service that says it's free but demands payment after you've spent time entering your information.

## How do you file online for free?

If you make less than \$69,000 a year, you can find free tax filing options at the IRS Free File webpage.

There are options from TurboTax, H&R Block, TaxSlayer and others.

Each site has its own eligibility requirements, so be sure to find one that will be free for you.

It can take a bit of effort to find the correct option to fit your situation. Try using the IRS lookup tool to find the right one. Most of the options provide tax prep for both federal and state returns.

Best for: People who make less than the income cap and want a convenient and easy way to file online.

If you make more than \$69,000 a year and have regular wage income, you may be able to file for free on MyFreeTaxes.com, a service offered by United Way.

In 2020, there is no income limit for this service, but it will not work if you need to file Schedule C (like income from driving for Uber), Schedule D (capital gains) or Schedule E forms. You can learn more about the different schedules and types of income here.

This site uses a version of H&R Block's software. It is free for both federal and state returns.

Best for: People who don't qualify for Free File but have income only from a standard job and

perhaps a bank account, and want to file online.

If you're in the military, you can use MilTax, a service provided by the Department of Defense that uses a version of H&R Block's tax software. It is available for free to active-duty service members as well as those in the Guard or Reserves, as well as their families. There are no income or tax form restrictions.

You can also get free

tronic filing. You can use the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance locator tool or call 800-906-9887 to find someone to help you. Keep in mind that some locations may require an appointment.

Best for: People who are confused by the tax process and want someone to help walk them through the process.

If you're in the military, you can get free in-person tax help on many U.S. military bas-

es, which is called the TurboTax Free Edition. If you clicked on this "FREE Guaranteed" option, you could input a lot of your information, only to be told toward the end of the process that you need to pay.

You can access TurboTax's Free File version here. This version is offered through the Free File agreement.

TurboTax's misleading advertising and website design directed users to

[COMPANY NAME].

## What's the difference between TurboTax's "Free Guaranteed" and IRS Free File Delivered by TurboTax?

TurboTax Free Edition is not always free. It has only been free for tax returns that the company defines as "simple." That means people with student loans and the unemployed had to pay to file. Look for Intuit's "IRS Free File Program delivered by TurboTax." This year, you are eligible if you:

- Make less than \$36,000 a year, OR
  - Make less than \$69,000 a year and serve in the military
- What is Free File, and who is the Free File Alliance?**

The Free File Alliance is actually a group of tax companies that — contrary to the name — is in the business of charging people to help them file their taxes. They have spent a lot of money to make sure that the IRS does not develop its own free tax filing service that would compete with what they have to offer. As part of the new Free File Alliance deal, the IRS is now able to offer a competing service, but is not doing so this year.

The Free File Alliance companies have agreed to offer free tax filing for a certain percentage of the population based on your income. Head to the IRS website to see which option is the best for you. These are the companies in the alliance:

- 1040NOW Corp.
- ezTaxReturn.com
- FileYourTaxes
- Free Tax Returns
- H&R Block
- Intuit
- OnLine Taxes
- TaxACT
- TaxHawk
- TaxSlayer



advice from a professional who understands tax issues specific to the military. The phone number is 800-342-9647, or you can live chat with them here.

Best for: People in the Military, Guard or Reserves and their families.

## How can I get in-person tax help for free?

You can qualify for the IRS' Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program if you:

- Make less than around \$56,000 a year, OR
- Live with a disability, OR
- Speak limited English

The program matches you with IRS-certified volunteers across the country who can help with free basic income tax preparation and elec-

es worldwide. Military.com's base guide is a good place to start.

Best for: People in the military and their families who want advice from someone who knows the ins and outs of military tax filing.

Why is TurboTax charging me?

If you make less than \$36,000 a year (or \$69,000 if you're in the military) and TurboTax is telling you it costs money to file, you are probably using the wrong version of TurboTax. Don't worry, there is a way to access the truly free version.

As ProPublica reported last year, TurboTax purposefully hid its Free File product and directed taxpayers to a version where many had to

more expensive versions of the software, even if they qualified to file for free. After our stories published, some people demanded and got refunds. Intuit, the maker of TurboTax, faces several investigations and lawsuits because of this. The company has denied wrongdoing.

Following ProPublica's reporting, the IRS announced an update to its agreement with the tax-preparation companies. Among other things, the update bars the companies from hiding their Free File offerings from Google search results. It also makes it so each company has to name their Free File service the same way using the format: IRS Free File Program delivered by

# Ag stats: 2019 annual Colorado and U.S. crop summary

## COLORADO HIGHLIGHTS

The 2019 **corn** for grain crop is estimated at 159.90 million bushels, 3 percent above last year's production of 154.70 million bushels, according to the December 1 Agricultural Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The average yield of 123.0 bushels per acre is 7.0 bushels per acre below the yield realized last year. Area harvested for grain in 2019, at 1.30 million acres, is 110,000 acres above last year. Acreage cut for **corn silage** is estimated at 175,000 acres, down 15,000 acres from last year, with production estimated at 4.20 million tons, compared with 4.18 million tons produced last year.

**Sorghum** for grain production is estimated at 12.71 million bushels, down 26 percent from the previous year. Average yield is estimated at 41.0 bushels per acre, down 12.0 bushels per acre from last year. Producers harvested 310,000 acres for grain, down 15,000 acres from last year's area harvested. Acreage cut for **sorghum silage** is estimated at 18,000 acres, up 10,000 acres from last year, with production estimated at 306,000 tons compared with 112,000 tons produced last year.

Colorado's **barley** seeded area, at 54,000 acres, is down 6,000 acres from last year. Harvested area, at 52,000 acres, is down 1,000 acres from 2018. Barley yield, at 138.0 bushels per acre, is down 7.0 bushels per acre from last year. Barley production in 2019 is estimated at 7.18 million bushels, down 7 percent from the previous year.

**Winter wheat** production in Colorado, estimated at 98.00 million bushels, is up 40 percent from 2018. Winter wheat producers seeded 2.150 million acres in the fall of 2018 for harvest in 2019, down from 2.25 million acres seeded for the previous year's crop. Acreage harvested for grain increased 50,000 acres from last year to 2.00 million acres in 2019. Winter wheat yield, at a record 49.0 bushels per acre, is up 13.0 bushels per acre from last year, and 1.0 bushel above the previous record yield of 48.0 bushels per acre set in 2016.

**Proso millet** production in the state is estimated at 11.84 million bushels, up from 7.56 million bushels produced last year. Farmers harvested 320,000 acres of proso millet, up 50,000 acres from the previous year. Yield increased 9.0 bushels per acre from last year to 37.0 bushels per acre.

**All hay** production for 2019 is estimated at 4.05 million tons, up 12 percent from the 2018 total. **Alfalfa hay** production is estimated at 2.70 million tons from 730,000 acres harvested, up 219,000 tons from 2018. Average yield for the 2019 crop is 3.70 tons per acre, 0.30 ton per acre above last year. **All other hay** production totaled 1.35 million tons from 730,000 acres harvested, up 212,000 tons from 2018. The average yield of 1.85 tons per acre is 0.20 ton per acre above last year. **New seedings of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** in Colorado are estimated at 80,000 acres, down 6 percent from 2018.

As of December 1, producers in Colorado were storing 2.00 million tons of **all hay**, up 14 from the 1.75 million tons stored last year.

All **sunflower** production is estimated at 59.40 million pounds from 55,000 acres harvested. Yield is estimated at 1,080 pounds per acre, down from the 1,106 pounds attained last year. Production of oil varieties decreased 18 percent from the previous year to 44.00 million pounds and production of non-oil varieties increased 91 percent from the previous year to 15.40 million pounds.

The state's **sugarbeet** crop of 749,000 tons for 2019 is down 10 percent from the 831,000 tons produced in 2018. Producers harvested 24,400 acres in 2019, down from 25,500 acres in 2018. Average yield is estimated at 30.7 tons per acre, 1.9 tons per acre below 2018.

Colorado **potato** growers produced an estimated 19.22 million hundredweight of potatoes this year, down 12 percent from last year's crop. Potatoes produced in the San Luis Valley totaled 17.95 million hundredweight compared with 20.12 million hundredweight produced last year. Potatoes grown in all other areas in Colorado totaled 1.27 million hundredweight compared with 1.60 million hundredweight last year. Average yield, at 376 hundredweight per acre, decreased 19 hundredweight per acre from the combined yield attained last year. The harvested area, estimated at 51,100 acres is down from the 55,000 acres harvested last year.

**Dry edible bean** production is set at 623,000 hundredweight, 4 percent below the 2018 crop of 647,000 hundredweight. Average yield is estimated at 1,840 pounds per acre, 280 pounds per acre below last year. Harvested

area, at 33,800 acres, is 3,300 acres more than last year.

**Winter wheat seedings** last fall for the 2020 crop year are estimated at 1.90 million acres, down 12 percent from last year. If realized, this would be the lowest winter wheat seeded acreage in Colorado since 1.71 million acres were seeded in 1945.

## UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

**Corn** for grain production in 2019 was estimated at 13.7 billion bushels, down 5 percent from the revised 2018 estimate. The average yield in the United States was estimated at 168.0 bushels per acre, 8.4 bushels below the 2018 yield of 176.4 bushels per acre. Area harvested for grain was estimated at 81.5 million acres, up less than 1 percent from the revised 2018 estimate. **Corn silage** production was estimated at 133 million tons for 2019, up 9 percent from the revised 2018 estimate. The United States silage yield was estimated at 20.2 tons per acre, up 0.3 ton from 2018. Area harvested for silage was estimated at 6.59 million acres, up 8 percent from the revised 2018 estimate.

**Sorghum** grain production in 2019 was estimated at 341 million bushels, down 6 percent from the 2018 total. Planted area for 2019 was estimated at a record low 5.27 million acres, down 7 percent from the previous year. Area harvested for grain, at 4.68 million acres, was down 8 percent from 2018. Grain yield was estimated at 73.0 bushels per acre, up 0.9 bushel from 2018. **Sorghum silage** production was estimated at 4.02 million tons, up 21 percent from

2018. Area harvested for silage was estimated at 339,000 acres, up 28 percent from the previous year. Silage yield averaged 11.9 tons per acre, down 0.7 ton per acre from 2018.

**Barley** production was estimated at 170 million bushels, up 10 percent from the 2018 total of 154 million bushels. The average yield, at 77.7 bushels per acre, was up 0.2 bushel from the previous year. Producers seeded 2.72 million acres in 2019, up 7 percent from 2018. Harvested area, at 2.18 million acres, was up 10 percent from 2018.

**All wheat** production totaled 1.92 billion bushels in 2019, up 2 percent from the 2018 total of 1.89 billion bushels. Area harvested for grain totaled 37.2 million acres, down 6 percent from the previous year. The United States yield was estimated at 51.7 bushels per acre, up 4.1 bushels from the previous year. **Winter wheat** production for 2019 totaled 1.30 billion bushels, up 10 percent from the 2018 total of 1.18 billion bushels. The United States yield, at 53.6 bushels per acre, was up 5.7 bushels from 2018. Area harvested for grain was estimated at a record low 24.3 million acres, down 2 percent from the previous year.

Production of **proso millet** in 2019 totaled 16.6 million bushels, up 43 percent from the revised 2018 production of 11.6 million bushels. Area planted to proso millet in the United States was estimated at 506,000 acres, up 63,000 acres from 2018. Area harvested in the United States, at 465,000 acres, was up 75,000 acres from the

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**Colorado job growth this year projected at 1.4%****The Center Square**

Job growth in Colorado is expected to reach 1.4 percent by the end of 2020, down from the state's 2019 job growth of 2.1 percent, according to [a new study by Kiplinger that assessed state economic outlooks](#).

Colorado ranked eighth among the 50 states and the District of Columbia based on its

projected job growth this year, according to the Kiplinger analysis. The state's current jobless rate is 2.8 percent.

Generally, tax revenues flowing to states should remain healthy in the next several quarters due to rising incomes, modest inflation and low unemployment, Kiplinger reports. State spending should rise only modestly in the coming year,

according to the report, and states are putting more money in their rainy-day accounts.

But regions are also struggling somewhat due to a number of financial challenges. The trade war between the United States and China is hurting Midwest farmers, while New England growth is slowing because of a lack of skilled workers, the report said.

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revised 2018 harvested estimate. The average yield for 2018 was estimated at 35.7 bushels per acre, up 6.0 bushels from 2018.

Production of **all dry hay** for 2019 was estimated at 128.9 million tons, up 4 percent from the 2018 total. Area harvested was estimated at 52.4 million acres, down 1 percent from 2018. The average yield, at 2.46 tons per acre, was up 0.12 ton from the previous year. Production of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** in 2019 was estimated at 54.9 million tons, up 4 percent from the 2018 total. Harvested area, at 16.7 million acres, was 1 percent above the previous year. Average yield was estimated at 3.28 tons per acre, up 0.11 ton from 2018. Production of **all other hay** in 2019 totaled 74.0 million tons, up 4 percent from the 2018 total. Harvested area, at 35.7 million acres, was down 2 percent from the previous year. Average yield was estimated at 2.07 tons per acre, up 0.11 ton from 2018. Growers seeded 2.47 million acres of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** during 2019, up 11 percent from 2018. New seedings of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures are normally harvested for the

first time in the year following planting.

All **hay stored** on United States farms as of December 1, 2019 totaled 84.5 million tons, up 7 percent from the previous December. Disappearance from May 1, 2019 - December 1, 2019 totaled 59.3 million tons, compared with 59.9 million tons for the same period a year earlier.

The 2019 **sunflower** production totaled 1.94 billion pounds, down 8 percent from 2018. The United States average yield per acre of 1,562 pounds decreased 169 pounds from 2018. Planted area, at 1.35 million acres, was 4 percent above the previous year. Area harvested increased 2 percent from 2018 to 1.24 million acres. United States production of **oil-type sunflower** varieties, at 1.75 billion pounds, decreased 7 percent from 2018. Compared with the previous year, harvested acres were up 2 percent but the average yield decreased by 163 pounds to 1,562 pounds per acre. Production of **non-oil sunflower** varieties was estimated at 197 million pounds, a decrease of 10 percent from 2018. Area harvested, at 126,500 acres, was up 3 percent from 2018. The average yield decreased by 223 pounds from 2018 to

1,558 pounds per acre.

Production of **potatoes** in 2019 was estimated at 423 million cwt, down 2 percent from the 2018 crop for comparable States. The average yield, at 449 cwt per acre, was down 5 cwt for comparable States from the previous year. Planted acres, at 968,300 acres, was up 1 percent from last year for comparable States. Harvested area, at 942,200 acres, was down 1 percent for comparable States from the previous year.

United States **dry edible bean** production was estimated at 20.8 million cwt for 2019, down 16 percent from the previous year for comparable States. Planted area was estimated at 1.29 million acres, up 7 percent from 2018 for comparable States. Harvested area was estimated at 1.18 million acres, up 1 percent from the previous year for comparable States. The average United States yield for dry edible beans for the 2019 season is 1,769 pounds per acre.

**Winter wheat** planted area for harvest in 2020 is estimated at 30.8 million acres, down 1 percent from 2019 and down 5 percent from 2018. This represents the second lowest United States acreage on record.

**2020 Economic Outlooks, State by State**

State	Population	Jobless Rate	2019 Job Growth	2020 Job Growth	Job Growth Rank Based on 2020 Data
Nevada	3,034,000	4.1%	3.0%	2.0%	1
Utah	3,161,000	2.8%	3.0%	2.0%	1
Florida	21,299,000	3.3%	2.5%	1.9%	3
Idaho	1,754,000	2.9%	2.5%	1.8%	4
Arizona	7,172,000	5.0%	2.5%	1.7%	5
Washington	7,536,000	4.6%	2.6%	1.7%	5
Texas	28,702,000	3.4%	2.3%	1.6%	7
Colorado	5,696,000	2.8%	2.1%	1.4%	8
Oregon	4,191,000	4.0%	1.9%	1.3%	9
Alabama	4,888,000	3.1%	1.8%	1.2%	10
Georgia	10,520,000	3.6%	1.7%	1.2%	10
North Carolina	10,384,000	4.2%	1.6%	1.0%	12
South Dakota	882,000	2.9%	2.1%	1.0%	12
California	39,557,000	4.1%	1.8%	0.9%	14
South Carolina	5,084,000	3.2%	1.5%	0.9%	14
Tennessee	6,770,000	3.5%	1.7%	0.9%	14
Iowa	3,156,000	2.5%	0.7%	0.8%	17
Kentucky	4,468,000	4.4%	1.1%	0.8%	17
Mississippi	2,987,000	5.2%	1.4%	0.8%	17
Missouri	6,126,000	3.2%	1.2%	0.8%	17
Rhode Island	1,057,000	3.6%	1.3%	0.8%	17
Virginia	8,518,000	2.8%	0.8%	0.8%	17
Delaware	967,000	3.4%	1.0%	0.7%	23
Kansas	2,912,000	3.2%	1.0%	0.7%	23
Massachusetts	6,902,000	2.9%	1.0%	0.7%	23
Minnesota	5,611,000	3.3%	0.4%	0.7%	23
Montana	1,062,000	3.3%	1.2%	0.7%	23
Nebraska	1,929,000	3.1%	0.6%	0.7%	23
New Hampshire	1,356,000	2.5%	1.6%	0.7%	23
New Mexico	2,095,000	4.9%	1.9%	0.7%	23
Washington, D.C.	702,000	5.5%	1.1%	0.7%	23
Arkansas	3,014,000	3.4%	1.1%	0.6%	32
Indiana	6,692,000	3.3%	0.9%	0.6%	32
New Jersey	8,909,000	3.2%	1.2%	0.6%	32
Illinois	12,741,000	4.0%	1.1%	0.5%	35
Maine	1,338,000	2.9%	0.8%	0.5%	35
Maryland	6,043,000	3.8%	0.3%	0.5%	35
New York	19,542,000	4.0%	1.1%	0.5%	35
Pennsylvania	12,807,000	3.9%	0.7%	0.5%	35
Vermont	626,000	2.1%	0.7%	0.5%	35
West Virginia	1,806,000	4.6%	0.9%	0.5%	35
Hawaii	1,420,000	2.7%	0.4%	0.4%	42
North Dakota	760,000	2.4%	0.6%	0.4%	42
Ohio	11,689,000	4.1%	0.6%	0.4%	42
Wisconsin	5,814,000	3.1%	0.4%	0.4%	42
Wyoming	578,000	3.7%	1.5%	0.4%	42
Alaska	737,000	6.2%	1.1%	0.3%	47
Oklahoma	3,943,000	3.2%	0.5%	0.3%	47
Connecticut	3,573,000	3.6%	0.4%	0.2%	49
Louisiana	4,660,000	4.3%	0.1%	0.2%	49
Michigan	9,996,000	4.2%	0.4%	0.2%	49

## EarthTalk – What is perovskite-based solar?

RODDY SCHEER & DOUG MOSS

### Dear EarthTalk:

**What is perovskite-based solar all about, and how does it differ from silicon-based solar?**

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No doubt, solar power has been growing rapidly, with a 28-fold increase since 2009. This expansion has been driven mainly by a massive reduction in the cost per kilowatt of solar-generated electricity. In many regions, it's more economical to set up solar arrays than it is to create a new coal or natural gas plant. But how much further can we really take solar given that we're already maxing out the efficiency of our panels and many regions of the world are still too dark to take advantage of them accordingly?

One answer might be perovskites. This calcium titanium oxide crystal found in the Earth's mantle can be used instead of silicon as a semiconductor driving the capture and transmission of energy from solar rays to electricity. There are many different types of perovskites, but they all share the same general molecular structure. Recently, materials scientists have been working on ways to harness their unique electrical and photovoltaic properties to boost the efficiency of solar collection. They see this as an imperative, given that our current crop of silicon-based panels top out at only 20 percent efficiency in ideal conditions, and that's after decades of research and development to optimize them.

In 2009 when research in perovskite-based solar was just beginning, panels made



with the crystal showed efficiencies of around four percent. By 2018, researchers boosted this number to 24 percent. No other type of solar technology has seen an efficiency jump of this magnitude in such a short amount of time.

Several other properties add to the appeal of perovskite-based solar cells. They are relatively easy and cheap to produce, and are suitable for use in applications that silicon-based panels aren't. Perhaps most important, they can generate electricity using wavelengths of light that most of our current commercially available panels can't harness. Researchers envision a future where perovskite panels are actually fused into a layer on top of traditional silicon panels. In this tandem application, perovskite panels would capture part of the incoming light while the rest shines through for the silicon panels below.

Despite the promise of perovskites, there are still many hurdles to overcome before they can become a viable large-scale option. One is lifespan: Silicon-based panels last between 25 and 30 years, while perovskite versions

created in the lab only last a year at most. Another issue is scalability. The high efficiencies in perovskite cells that scientists have observed have only been achieved on very small ("postage stamp" sized) panels. On larger perovskite panels, the efficiencies have been much lower. The final big obstacle for perovskite researchers to overcome is toxicity. At the moment, high-efficiency perovskite cells can only be made using relatively toxic compounds, such as lead. While less toxic versions exist, they are also less efficient.

Daunting though these challenges may be, many bright minds are working to solve them. While solar power's future is by no means certain, it is looking increasingly like this powerful little crystal will play a major role in bringing sun-derived energy into the mainstream market.

## FAA investigating mysterious drones spotted in Colorado

By Derek Draplin | The Center Square

The federal government has launched an investigation into mysterious drones that have been spotted on several occasions flying in eastern Colorado and parts of Nebraska.

Eye witnesses have said the drones fly in formation at night a couple hundred feet in the air and have wingspans around six-feet.

It's still unknown who's operating the drones or why, prompting an investigation by the Federal Aviation Administration.

U.S. Sen. Cory Gardner, R-Colorado, said in

a [statement](#) this week that the agency has opened an investigation into the sightings. The Washington Post [confirmed](#) the investigation on Thursday.

"I've been in contact with the FAA and I'm encouraged that they've opened a full investigation to learn the source and purpose of the drones," Gardner said. "I will continue to closely monitor the situation."

The Lincoln County Sheriff's Office [said](#) last week it received reports of the drones, and law enforcement in Washington County has been in [contact](#) with the FAA regarding the sightings.

"We agree this is not common for our area, and are working diligently to try and identify them. We will be coordinating with other local sheriff's, and the FAA to figure this out as soon as possible," the Washington County Sheriff's Office said.

Sedgwick County Sheriff Carlton Britton [said](#) Thursday the drones have so far operated within federal guidelines and advised residents not to shoot at the drones.

Last month, the FAA proposed a rule to create a remote identification system so drones could be tracked.

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# Dear Dietitian – Avoiding added sugar in your food

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Dear Readers,

Another year is behind us, and now it's time to get back to our normal routines. Many of us, including myself, have overeaten during the holidays; it's just part of it. It's a great time with family, close friends, and homemade desserts. Every year a family friend bakes a homemade pecan pie using fresh pecans from her own property, and believe me, it is a slice of paradise!

Special occasions aside, Americans eat a lot of sugar, with some estimates totaling 57 pounds of added sugar per person per year (1). The American Heart Association recommends limiting added sugars to 6 teaspoons per day (24 grams) for women and 8 teaspoons (32 grams) a day for men (2).

To be clear, we are talking about added sugar, not naturally occurring sugar found in fruit (fructose) and milk (lactose). Sugar is not inherently bad for you; it's the excessive amount that becomes a problem. Lots of sugar means lots of calories, which may lead to weight gain and put one at greater risk for certain diseases such as diabetes and heart disease.

As of January 1, 2020, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) requires food manufacturers to list

the amount of added sugars in their product on the Nutrition Facts label. While most of us recognize sugar, or sucrose, there are other ingredients that are very similar to sugar and should be noted:

- Any food with sugar in its name; for example, coconut sugar or date sugar
- Cane juice
- Caramel
- Dextrin
- Dextrose
- Fruit juice
- Fruit juice concentrate
- Glucose
- Glucose solids
- High fructose corn syrup
- Honey
- Maltodextrin
- Maltose
- Molasses
- Nectar; for example, apricot or agave nectar
- Sweet sorghum
- Syrup and any food with syrup in its name, such as rice syrup or maple syrup

## These are some practical tips for decreasing sugar in your diet:

Focus on fresh foods, as these will not have added sugars.

Cut out sugar-sweetened beverages. Drink more water; try flavor enhancers; switch to diet drinks.

Cut back on adding sugar at the table. Start by using half the amount of sugar you normally use and decrease from there. Use fruit

to sweeten your cereal or oatmeal.

Eat 5 servings of fruits and vegetables per day. These foods will provide vitamins and minerals, which will help decrease cravings. The fruit will also help satisfy a sweet tooth.

If you like to have sweets in your everyday diet, try to limit them to 100-200 calories per day. You may also consider saving dessert for a once-a-week treat.

Until next time, be healthy!

Dear Dietitian

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## Cooking at Home

### Slow Cooker Pork Stew over Brown Rice

**Makes:** 8 Servings

**Prep Time:** 15 minutes

#### Ingredients

- 2 pound lean pork stew meat
- 3 cup baby carrots
- 1 large onion, sliced
- 1 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme leaves
- 1/2 teaspoon coarse ground black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 1/2 cup complete bran and wheat flakes ready-to-eat cereal (crushed to 3/4 cup)
- 1 cup dried tart cherries
- 3/4 cup 100% apple juice or apple cider
- 4 cup hot cooked brown rice

#### Directions

**Trim fat from pork.**

**Spray large pan with non-stick cooking spray.** Cook half of the pork at a time until browned.

**In a 4-6 quart crockery cooker layer** carrots, onion, thyme, pepper, salt and garlic. Sprinkle with cereal and cherries.

**Top with pork and pour apple juice or cider over contents in the cooker.**

**Cover and cook on low setting for 7-8 hours or on high setting for 3 1/2 to 4 hours.**

**Prepare the brown rice according to package directions toward the end**

of the stew cooking time. (Brown rice typically takes about 40-45 minutes to cook).

**Stir pork mixture and serve over 1/2 cup brown rice.**

Source: The "Grain Chain"

#### Nutrition Information

**Serving Size:** one serving: 1 cup

Nutrients	Amount
Calories	360
Total Fat	5 g
Saturated Fat	2 g
Cholesterol	54 mg
Sodium	139 mg
Total Carbohydrate	50 g
Dietary Fiber	6 g
Total Sugars	19 g
Added Sugars included	12 g
Protein	27 g
Vitamin D	1 mcg
Calcium	89 mg
Iron	2 mg
Potassium	658 mg
N/A - data is not available	

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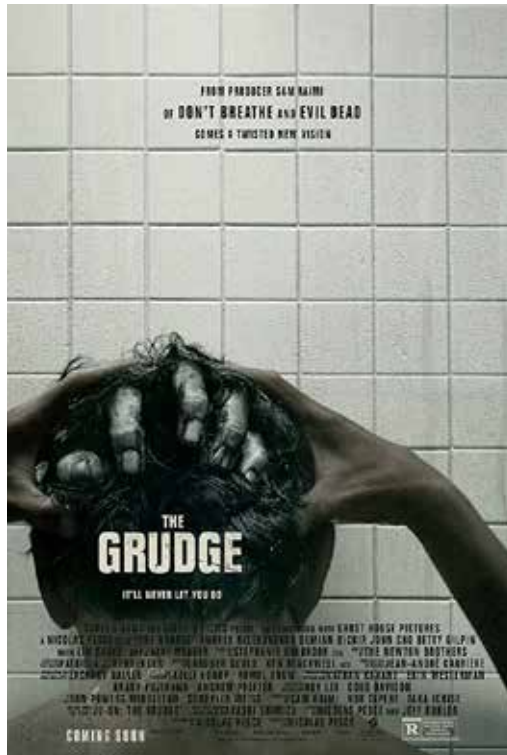
## Movie Review - The Grudge

BOB GARVER

I never saw the 2004 version of "The Grudge" or the 2002 Japanese horror film that served as its basis. I didn't even watch either film for research before seeing this new film. I figured that if this film was going the remake route, it might hurt to know when the scares were coming. Similar research tainted my enjoyment of last year's remake of "Pet Sematary," as I waited with waning interest for John Lithgow to descend that staircase. It turns out I was worried about nothing, for two reasons. The first is that this is a sequel, not a remake, so the scares as far as I can tell are not direct repeats. The second is that the scares in this movie would be ineffective regardless of spoilers.

The film opens in 2004 with live-in nurse Fiona Landers (Tara Westwood) leaving a creepy house in Japan and returning home

to her family in America. But it's too late, she's already infected with the Grudge curse, which apparently causes people to murder their loved ones, and things aren't going to end well for her and her family. Cut to present day, where Detective Muldoon (Andrea Riseborough) and her son are starting over in a new town (the son's line, "Daddy and I never finished [this art project]" tells you all you need to know). Muldoon's first day on the job sees her and her partner Detective Goodman (Demian Bichir) investigate a mysterious death, which is linked to the Landers house. Good-



man refuses to investigate anything having to do with the house, but Muldoon is suspicious and curious. She pries into the house's history and doesn't like what she

finds.

The film spends quality time filling us in on some incidents in the time since the Landers family. It's just as well because these segments are actually quite compelling compared to the minimal Landers story and the hackneyed Muldoon one. John Cho and Betty Gilpin play a pair of married real estate agents tasked with selling the house. They're about to have a baby, but the baby is predisposed

to a disease, and they're not sure if they should keep it. It's a well-written, well-acted storyline, but this being the movie that it is, everything they're discussing is probably going to be moot very

soon. Frankie Faison and Lin Shaye play an elderly couple who move into the house specifically because it's haunted, which the husband interprets as meaning life after death for the wife, who is sick in more ways than one. He tries to hire an assisted suicide specialist (Jacki Weaver) to expediate the process, but the wife is too wrapped up in talking to ghosts to be ruled mentally competent to kill herself, which isn't to say she isn't capable of killing. In addition to ghosts, the house is also haunted by Goodman's ex-partner (William Sadler), who is obsessed with the curse, but not to the point where he tries to do anything useful like destroy it or warn people about it.

The flashback storylines carry more dignity than "The Grudge" deserves, but at the end of the day this is just a silly horror movie where characters creep around houses investigating strange noises until a ghost jumps out and screams at them. These beings have mastered the ability to cross planes of existence, and they use this miraculous power to give well-meaning people jump scares. Come to think of it, there's no reason for the ghosts to exist at all, it's the regular people carrying the curse who are doing all the gratuitously violent work. I know the movie needs the ghosts to sell tickets, but would it kill them (again) to have more purpose?

Grade: C-

"The Grudge" is rated R for disturbing violence and bloody images, terror and some language. Its running time is 93 minutes.

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## Home Country – Potty Patrol

SLIM RANGLES



Teachers in rural schools are special. Unlike the great city amalgamated and homogenized institutes of lower learning, the rural schools tend not to have teachers who are putting in time until their heart stops. And it's a mixed bless-

ing, because rural schools sometimes have to hire someone whose only qualification is a pulse. But there are those rural teachers who go down in legend for their creativity.

Like John Lewis.

After his first semester teaching at the high school, John discovered that some of the boys in class ... usually the misbehavers, would raise their hands and ask to go to the john in the middle of a class session. He suspected, when they returned smelling like tobacco, that bodily functions weren't the prime incentive

for the trip.

So, he got a stick and made a big cardboard sign and stuck it in the closet behind his desk. Then, the very next time someone indicated a peristaltic urgency, he stood and smiled and addressed the class.

"Everybody up!" he said, smiling. The class stood, looking dumbfounded at each other. "Since going to the restroom in the middle of class is a God-given American right, I believe it's only fair that we all share a small part of it. So, Pete, since you have asked to go, you get to lead the parade to the restroom. Okay now, Cheryl, here's the

Potty Patrol sign. You get to carry it. Let's go!"

And with John singing his new Potty Patrol song, they all marched over to the restroom and waited outside, chanting, until Pete had finished (in an amazingly short time) and then they all marched back to class with Pete once again leading the way.

Strangely enough, the restroom trips dropped dramatically in all of John's classes.

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