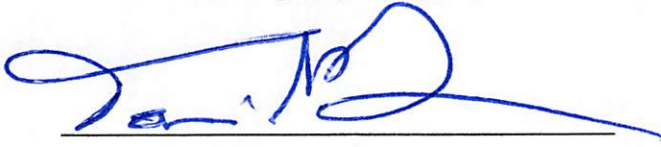


**PUBLIC ISSUES – Fall 2021**

- Covid 19 Information
- Local Government
- Education
- Civic Engagement
- Arts & Music
- Health Care
- Native American Issues
- Emergency Information



Tami Graham

Executive Director, KUTE, Inc.

Date

10/19/21

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Fall Quarter 2021

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**15.00**

**08:30 AM - 04:30 PM on Sat, 25 Sep 2021**

# **FREE MOVIES on the Gold King Mine Spill of 2015**

The Animas City Theatre will host "ACID MINE NATION," a free video series on the Gold King Mine Spill of 2015. The event takes place on Sunday, ~~September 26th~~. Doors open at 12:30. The Animas City Theatre requires that patrons show proof of vaccination or a negative test for Covid-19 up to 48 hours prior to any event.

**Animas City Theatre**

**Free**

**12:30 PM - 06:30 PM on Sun, 26 Sep 2021**

**Event Supported By**

Tom Schillaci  
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Spill of 2015

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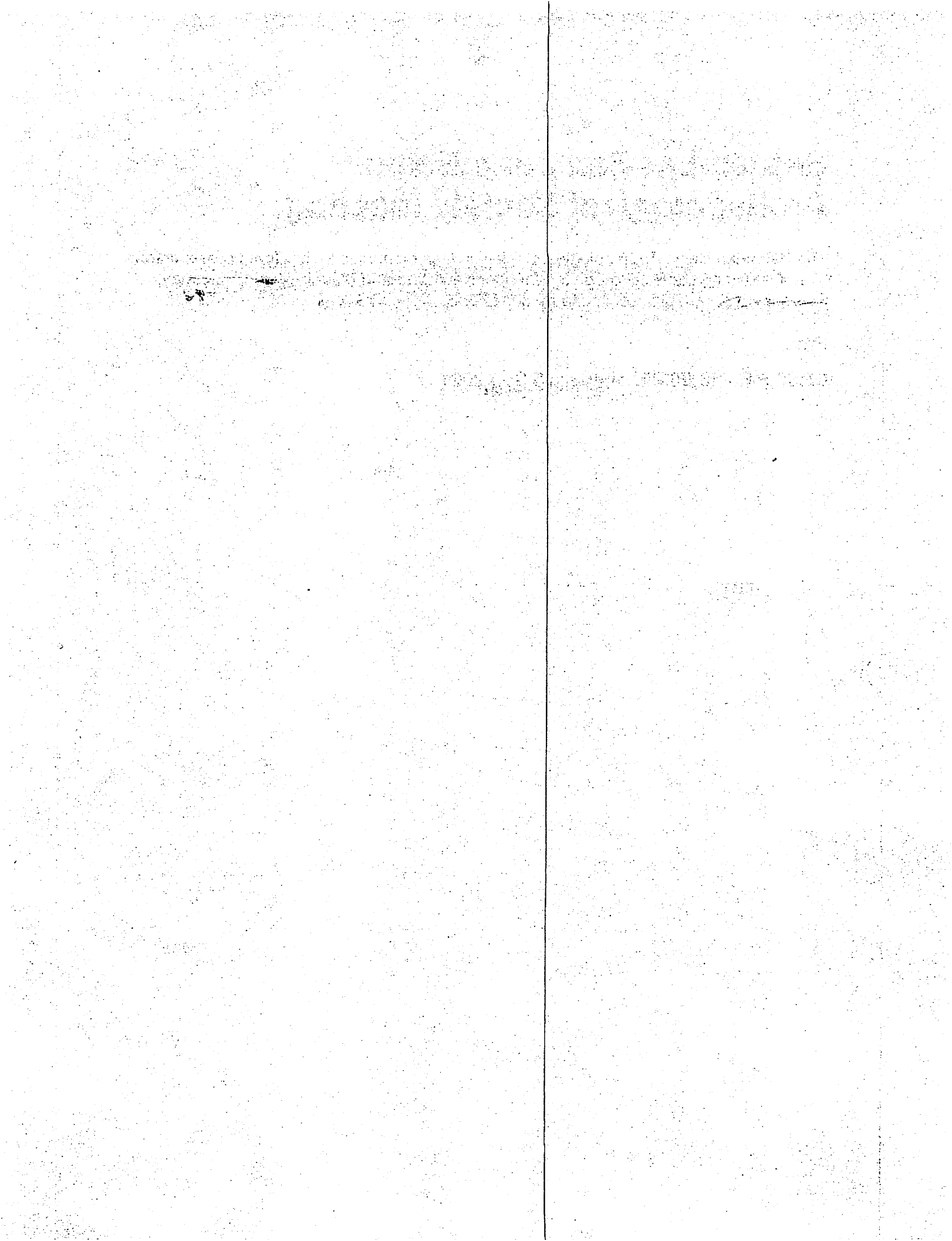
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# September San Juan Basin Archaeological Society meeting

The San Juan Basin Archaeological Society invites the public to the Zoom presentation "Reconstructing the Pueblo Bonito Mounds: New Data and Models," on Wednesday, September 8th at 7pm. Login information is at [SJBAS.ORG](http://SJBAS.ORG).

Free

07:00 PM - 08:00 PM on Wed, 8 Sep 2021





# 7th Annual Animas Splash & Dash Summer Event

La Plata Youth Services presents the the 7th Annual Animas Splash & Dash Summer Event, on Saturday, August 21st at Rotary Park. Events include a 5-k and 1-k, live music by Loki Moon, barbeque, and games. Registration for the runs starts at 8am, and the 5-k will start at 9. Details are at [lpys.org](http://lpys.org).

8/25



## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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August 5, 2021

### **La Plata County to host Zoom Meeting on Bayfield Landfill**

La Plata County will hold an informational meeting to address public concerns over the closed Bayfield Landfill west of the town on County Road 223. The meeting will be held virtually on ~~Wednesday, August 25~~ at 5:30 p.m.

La Plata County's longstanding cleanup at the closed Bayfield Landfill is working to remediate the small amount of groundwater contamination. The cleanup is successfully protecting public health and the environment. Built in the 1950s and bought by the County in 1970, the County closed the solid waste landfill in 1994 and has carefully monitored its condition to protect public health and the environment. In 2004, after a decade of monitoring the groundwater with results showing the groundwater was clean, vinyl chloride was first detected in groundwater near the landfill at concentrations above the Colorado groundwater protection standard of 2.0 parts per billion. At this concentration, a person would have to hypothetically drink the groundwater every day, all day, for 30 years to possibly have an adverse health impact. Fortunately, that hypothetical situation does not exist at the landfill.

No one is drinking the impacted groundwater and the County has worked hard to keep it that way. After discovery of the vinyl chloride, the County investigated all nearby drinking water wells that may possibly be impacted. The investigation showed the water in the wells are clean. These wells continue to be monitored by the County and the wells continue to be uncontaminated. The County's investigation also showed the impacted groundwater has traveled only a short distance across the street adjacent to the landfill. The impacted area is small.

County staff and Tim Shangraw, an engineer with Engineering Management Support, Inc. (EMSI) of Golden, will participate in the Aug. 25 meeting to provide details and answer questions from the public. EMSI is La Plata County's contracted consultant on the remediation project.

The link for the meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82742366812>

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– Travelers will encounter lengthy road closures on US Highway 550 Red Mountain Pass between Silverton and Ouray from Sept. 13-24. The closures will accommodate a power line reconstruction project. ~~THRU~~ THROUGH FRIDAY, SEPT 24<sup>TH</sup>

#### Travel Impacts

During these closures, travelers may seek the alternate westerly route via US 160, CO highway 145 and CO 62 (through Mancos, Dolores, Telluride and Ridgway). US 550 Red Mountain Pass will not be closed during the evenings or weekends. This work schedule may be subject to change due to weather conditions or other emergency circumstances.

#### Mon. - Thurs., Sept. 13 - 16

ROAD CLOSED: 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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#### Fri., Sept. 17

ROAD CLOSED: 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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ROAD CLOSED: 1 - 4 p.m.

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#### Know Before You Go

Gather information about weather forecasts, anticipated travel impacts and current road conditions prior to hitting the road.

- Road conditions: [COtrip.org](http://COtrip.org)

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## Event Details

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- July 10, 2021
- 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
  - [Get Tickets](#)

## Venue

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- Destination Ranch
- Durango, CO 81301
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## Event Description

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La Plata Open Space Conservancy presents the "Cocktails For Conservation" fundraiser on Saturday, July 10th from 5 to 8 at Destination Ranch. The event will include live music from Six Dollar String band, barbecue from Sunnyside Farms Market, cocktails and beer, plus a silent auction. Tickets and details are at [lposc.org](http://lposc.org).

# Dining with Diabetes

"Dining With Diabetes" is a 4-week on-line cooking class designed to improve culinary skills to better manage blood glucose levels through lifestyle management. Classes start on Tuesday, August 10th, from 5 to 7:pm. Advance registration is at [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com). More information is available at La Plata County Extension Office.

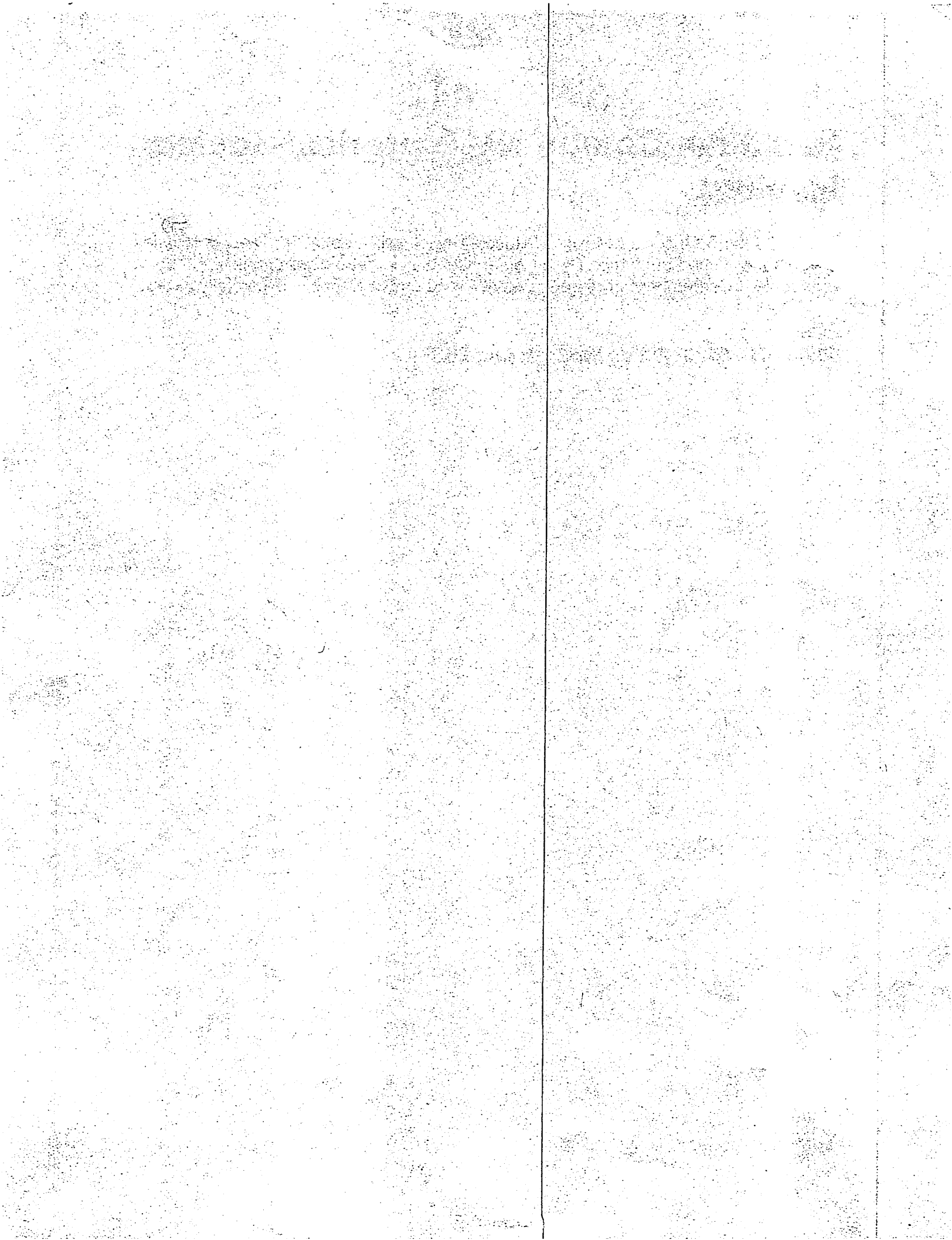
**05:00 PM - 07:00 PM on Tue, 10 Aug 2021**

# San Juan County NM Historical Society Meeting

The San Juan County New Mexico Historical Society will meet at 6pm ~~on~~<sup>7p</sup> Wednesday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at the Farmington Civic Center. Connie Nordstrom will speak about her new book, "I Remember Farmington Before the Boom." The public is cordially invited.

Free

06:00 PM - 07:30 PM on Wed, 11 Aug 2021



## Event Details

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- August 17, 2021
- 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm
- Free

## Venue

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- Online Event
- Durango, CO
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## Event Description

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Colorado Legal Services will host a Zoom presentation about Advance Care Planning at 5:30 <sup>Tu</sup>~~on~~ Tuesday. Topics include: Medical Power of Attorney, Living Will, CPR Directive, and more. More information is at 970- 247-0266.



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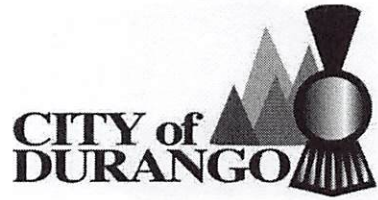
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

# NEWS RELEASE

City seeks to fill vacancies on boards

<sup>THE</sup> <sup>IS SEEKING</sup>  
~~Durango, CO:~~ Durango City Council ~~seeks~~ volunteers to serve on the following boards:

- Multimodal Advisory Board (**must have experience working in the public health sector**).  
Term expires May 31, 2025.
- Natural Lands Preservation Advisory Board (Applicants do not have to be a city resident).  
Term expires May 31, 2023.

<sup>TO</sup>  
Applications will be accepted until ~~Friday, Oct. 1~~ at 1 p.m. Apply at [DurangoGov.org/Boards](http://DurangoGov.org/Boards)

Durango's boards and commissions provide a foundation for public input and are a great way for citizens to get involved with their community. Boards and commissions generally meet monthly.

Brief interviews with applicants will be scheduled with City Council via Zoom in early October. For more information, contact Deputy City Clerk Faye Harmer at (970) 375-5011.

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# SAN JUAN BASIN public health

Media Release

For Immediate Release

Date: June 22, 2021  
Contact: Chandler Griffin  
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970.585.6120

## Delta Variant Case Confirmed in La Plata County, San Juan Basin Public Health Urges Vaccination, Testing for COVID and Continued Health Precautions

**Durango, Colo.:** San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) reports that a case of the Delta variant (B.1.617.2) of the virus that causes COVID-19 has been identified in La Plata County. Identification of the case confirms what SJBPH has suspected and anticipated, that the Delta variant, which has already been confirmed in other Western Slope communities, is present and circulating in Southwest Colorado.

The Delta variant was first detected in India and is widely regarded by public health experts to be one of the most transmissible and severe variants of COVID-19 to-date. SJBPH emphasizes that vaccination, especially completion of a vaccine series, is highly effective at protecting against the Delta variant. Unvaccinated residents are at higher risk of falling ill with the Delta variant of COVID-19 and are urged to get the vaccine as soon as possible. According to State records, more than 98% of confirmed COVID-19 cases have occurred in the unvaccinated or not fully vaccinated population since January 2021.

"The confirmed presence of the Delta variant in Southwest Colorado is concerning. Protection against this severe variant should be the strongest motivation yet for unvaccinated residents to get the vaccine without delay. The Delta variant is shown to be more severe for residents both young and old. Even if you previously had COVID-19, you still need to get the vaccine and it's especially important with the Delta variant that you finish your vaccine series," said Liane Jollon, SJBPH Executive Director.

There are numerous vaccine providers in La Plata and Archuleta counties, and SJBPH is now offering clinics six days per week in partnership with Jogan Health. Dates and times for those clinics are listed below. The full schedule of vaccine clinics, pop-ups, and mobile clinics is available online. — AT SJB PUBLIC HEALTH.ORG

Pagosa Springs High School, 800 S. 8<sup>th</sup> St, Pagosa Springs

- Thursdays, 11:00am to 3:00pm
  - Johnson & Johnson vaccine from 11:00am to 12:00pm
  - Pfizer vaccine from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Fort Lewis College Student Life Center, 125 West Campus Court, Durango

- Monday through Friday, 11:00am to 6:00pm
  - Johnson & Johnson vaccine from 11:00am to 1:00pm

- Pfizer vaccine from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm
- Saturdays, 11:00am to 3:00pm
  - Johnson & Johnson vaccine from 11:00am to 1:00pm
  - Pfizer vaccine from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

La Plata County Fairgrounds, 2500 Main Ave, Durango

- June 15, 16, 22, 23, 25, 29, 10:00am to 2:00pm
  - Johnson & Johnson vaccine from 10:00am to 11:00am
  - Pfizer vaccine from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

With the Delta variant present in our community, testing is still critical if you have symptoms, believe you've been exposed, work in a high-contact job, or if you have been gathering with people outside your household. Additional testing allows public health officials to sequence more samples and identify if COVID-19 variants are more widespread. Vaccinated individuals should get tested if they have symptoms, especially after a known exposure.

SJBPH provides free COVID-19 testing in partnership with COVIDCheck Colorado at the following locations:

- Archuleta County Community Testing Site provides testing from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday behind the Pagosa Springs Medical Center building, 95 S Pagosa Blvd, Pagosa Springs
- La Plata County Community Testing Site provides testing from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday at the La Plata County Fairgrounds, 2500 Main Ave, Durango
- Fort Lewis College Testing Site provides testing from 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. Monday through Friday and Saturday 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the stadium lot near the FLC football field

For more information on COVID-19 testing, vaccines, and to access our COVID data dashboard, please visit: <https://sibpublichealth.org>.

*San Juan Basin Public Health is a local public health agency, governed by a seven-member local Board of Health, serving all residents of La Plata and Archuleta counties. For over 70 years, San Juan Basin Public Health has improved the health and environment of the Southwest Colorado community.*

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