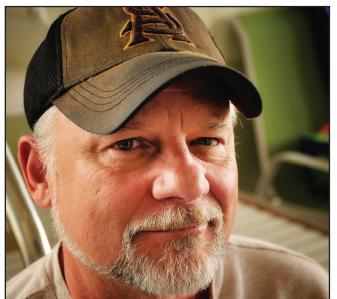
OVER THE PASS





"Garden tomatoes. They're good, and they're not the same at the store. My horticulture class is growing tomatoes and chiles

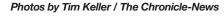
- Rick Peek, science teacher, Maxwell (Raton)

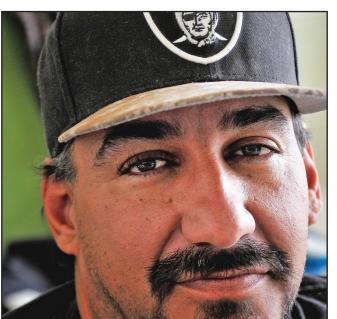
that are already 5" high."

TRINIDAD-RATON CONNECTION

"What summer food do you most miss in winter?"

By Tim Keller **Correspondent** The Chronicle-News





"Steak, barbeque. I like a porterhouse. In summer, I grill every day if I can. The way I see it, it's better if the wife doesn't have to cook. The man can do it outside."

- Dave Licon, electrician (Raton)

"Ice cream. It's too cold to eat ice cream in the winter. My favorite flavor right now is pistachio but it changes. I like Italian gelato and Blue Bell ice cream.

- Jerri Kinney, photographer, Albuquerque (Trinidad)



"Corn! It's rare around here in the winter. I usually boil it, at least three or four times a week in the summer.

Bryon Miller, former newspaper man (Trinidad)



"Garden-fresh tomatoes. I've been growing them every summer for 40 years. They sure don't taste anything like the ones in the

- Elizabeth, retired nurse (Trinidad)

"All different kinds of salads. It's a cool food; in winter you're

always thinking warm food. In summer, I make salads about four times a week. I like looking up different recipes for them.'

- Julie Osborn, Mary Kay beauty consultant (Raton)

ETERAN'S CORNER Helping those who served

Veterans Wellness, week-long couples

Special to The Chronicle-News

The National Veterans Wellness and Healing Center in Angel Fire is hosting a series of week-long retreats for veterans, active duty/Guard/ Reserve personnel and their significant others who have been diagnosed with PTS (Post Traumatic Stress).

The retreats offer traditional and nontraditional healing methods such as Native American healing ceremonies, equine training, massage, yoga, aroma therapy, acupuncture, art therapy and Reiki, along with couples and group counseling sessions.

The dates of the retreats are: April 6-13, April 19-26, May 3-10, May 13-21, and May 29-

According to the Healing Center, the natural setting in the beautiful Sangre de Cristo Mountains is the perfect location to bring couples to where nature can assist with the healing process. The number of participant couples is kept small — thus making each and every experience and tool which you are provided much more intimate.

For more information and to register, go to www.veteranswellnessandhealing. *org.* You can also contact the center at (575) 595-1971 or info@veteranswellnesandhealing.org.

UNDERGROUND COAL

US agency aims to revive mining exemption for roadless area

Associated Press

DENVER (AP) — The U.S. Forest Service said Monday it wants to revive the possibility of expanded underground coal mining in a designated roadless area in Gunnison County in western Colorado.

The agency said it plans to rewrite a set of rules and an environmental impact statement for the 30-square-mile North Fork Coal Mining Area after a federal judge tossed them out last year.

The judge said the Forest Service had failed to adequately consider the potential impact that mining and burning additional

coal would have on climate change.

The area is covered by a 2012 plan that protected 6,500 square miles of undeveloped Forest Service land in Colorado, called roadless areas. The Forest Service says the plan intended to permit temporary roads for mining-related activities in the North Coal Mining Ar

The roads would allow the drilling of wells to vent methane gas from an underground mine, which would be necessary to expand the mine, the Forest Service said.

Environmental groups sued, saying the exemption for the North Fork area had not taken into account the potential effects on climate change. The judge agreed.

The Forest Service is accepting public comment on its intent to revise the plans until May 22. It expects to release the proposed rules and draft environmental impact statement this year.

Online:

Notice of proposed rulemaking, intent to develop new environmental impact statehttp://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/ coroadlessrule

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