

Proposed pipeline could bring renewable water to northern El Paso County

Jim McGrady, director of Triview Metropolitan District, explained the Northern Delivery System with Christine Lowenberg, NES planner. McGrady has been holding neighborhood meetings regarding the pipeline from Old Northgate Road and Highway 83 to a designated holding tank on Baptist Road. Residents from the affected properties along the pipeline have voiced their disapproval of the proposed route, so much so that McGrady has

been working on a new route and new bids on the Roller Coaster Road to Baptist Road and west option.

He explained that they have had meetings with neighborhoods and HOAs and realized that people want to keep the pipeline out of Fox Run Regional Park. McGrady said they were listening and will try to accommodate residents and show that there is room for compromise, as well as bringing renewable water source to the area. See <http://triviewmetro.com> and look under the Water Recourses tab for more detailed information.

Swedenburg closed the meeting at noon and offi-

cial continued to discuss options with the HOA representatives in the room.

The next NEPCO meeting will be on March 19, with guest speakers from the Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments. For more information on upcoming meeting schedules and committee updates for NEPCO, go to <http://nepco.org>.

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December Weather Wrap

By Bill Kappel

The first month of 2022 finally brought a return to normal conditions. After several months of warm and dry weather, we managed to squeeze out above-normal precipitation and snowfall for the month, not by a lot but enough to provide a nice reminder that winter is still in charge. Temperatures were a little above normal for the month, mainly because we didn't have any extended or severe cold periods.

Our pattern was dominated by a northwesterly flow for most of the month. This meant several quick shots of cold air and light snow, but no slow-moving, organized storm systems. This northwest flow was set up as high pressure dominated the West Coast, and a cold low dominated the upper Midwest regions. We were caught in between these two features with each shot of cold air bringing light snowfall at times but quick warmups between systems.

The new year started off cold, with low temperatures below zero and highs only reaching the upper single digits to low teens. The cold air was accompanied by some light snow as well, as an inch or two accumulated through early afternoon. Temperatures started off below zero again the next morning before warmer air began to move in. This allowed temperatures to rebound into the upper 30s on low 40s on the afternoon of the 2nd.

After a couple days of quiet and mild weather, the next quick-moving but cold system moved through with a cold front during the afternoon of the 5th. This dropped 2-6 inches of snowfall across the area and temperatures tumbled to zero and slightly below by that evening. Daytime highs only reached the mid-20s on the 6th, but mild air began to work in with our high temperature reached at midnight. The mild conditions stuck around for the next couple of days, with our warmest day of the month occurring on the 7th as highs touched 60 degrees.

Again, the temperature swings were quick with another fast but weak system sliding by during the evening of the 8th. This brought a quick shot of snow and wind but barely enough to even measure. Temperatures held in the mid-30s on the 9th, but quickly rebounded



Above: The first big snowstorm of 2022 hit the Monument area on Jan. 14. The flakes covered Mt. Herman and Monument Lake, which had just partially thawed out after a few days of warm weather. Photo by Michael Weinfeld.

to above-normal levels again from the 10th through the 13th.

The next cold front arrived during the morning of the 14th, with widespread snow and wind developing. This storm had a little more moisture associated with it, producing 4-10 inches throughout the area. However, it was another quick mover, with clear skies returning by the next afternoon. Highs rebounded again in the 40s on the 15th to the 50s from the 16th through the 18th.

Another cold front moved into the region during the morning of the 19th, with fog and low clouds filling in and temperatures holding in the mid- to upper 20s that afternoon. Light snow, flurries, and fog developed that morning and continued off and on through the morning of the 22nd. A couple of inches of new snow accumulated during the period, with high temperatures in the 30s each afternoon. The rollercoaster ride continued with a brief quiet period on the 23rd and 24th before the final waves of cooler air and light snowfall moved in from the

morning of the 25th through the afternoon of the 27th. Two waves of energy moved through during this period, producing 2-4 inches of snow on the 25th and another 3-6 inches on the 27th. Temperatures were held in the mid-20s on the 25th with help from the clouds and snow, then jumped to the upper 30s on the 26th and then back in the low 20s on the 27th.

After this last shot of snow, quiet conditions returned to end the month with mainly clear skies and mild temperatures. Highs reached the low 40s on the 28th and the low 50s from the 29th through 31st.

A look ahead

February is often a dry and cold month for the region as we move toward the snowy and unsettled conditions of March and April. Precipitation averages less than an inch, with average high temperatures in the 30s. It can get very cold in February with arctic air making brief pushes into the region. However, days begin to get a little longer, which leads to some nice, sunny days, and the snow that does fall begins to melt faster.

January 2022 Weather Statistics

Average High	42.8° (+2.7°)
100-year return frequency value max	48.4° min 30.8°
Average Low	14.2° (+0.8°)
100-year return frequency value max	26.6° min 6.6°
Highest Temperature	60° on the 7th
Lowest Temperature	-6° on the 1st
Monthly Precipitation	0.87"
	(+0.16", 22% above normal)
100-year return frequency value max	1.56" min 0.01"
Monthly Snowfall	17.5"
	(+4.2", 10% below normal)
Season to Date Snow	23.9"
	(-28.9", 55% below normal)
Season to Date Precip.	2.09"
	(-2.03", 50% below normal)
Heating Degree Days	1132 (+35)
Cooling Degree Days	0

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The great reckoning

Fauci, Walensky, health officials, politicians, and even our own doctors lied to us. They told us that the lockdowns were necessary to slow the spread. Masks reduced transmissions. There were no prophylactics, no treatments. We could only vaccinate our way out of the pandemic. The vaccines were 100% safe and effective. Now the truth is coming out. There will be a great reckoning.

After two years, we have the data. The conclusions

from the data are irrefutable. (See openvaers.com) The lockdowns were destructive. The mask did not slow spread. The vaccines are not effective or safe. The safe and effective prophylactics and treatments were restricted, banned, and ridiculed.

If this was not heinous enough, our leaders pleaded and mandated that we sacrifice our children by injecting them with untested and toxic vaccines to protect the adults. An FDA doctor said, "We're never gonna learn about how safe the vaccine is until we start giving it." The COVID vaccines have maimed, poisoned, and even killed many children. Cases of myocarditis and pericarditis have skyrocketed. What are the long-term damages from the vaccines—strokes, heart attacks, cancers and sterilizations? All for what? COVID was never a threat to children.

We will hold those responsible for suspending our freedoms, violating our rights, poisoning bodies, sacrificing our children, killing the aged and the infirm, tearing up the Constitution, and bringing tyranny to our land—to the entire world. They will pay for their crimes against humanity.

There is hope that may arise up from the ashes of this catastrophe. Let us not take our freedoms for granted anymore. Let us remake our government to where its sole mission is to protect our rights and never take them away. Because when mankind is free, then he can truly be safe.

Michael O'Hare

Editor's Note: Official COVID-19 information is posted at <https://covid19.colorado.gov>.

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Great cooking made easy

By the staff at Covered Treasures

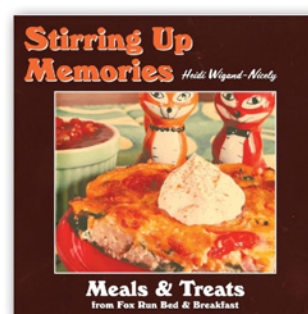
"Cooking is like painting or writing a song. Just as there are only so many notes or colors, there are only so many flavors—it's how you combine them that sets you apart."—Wolfgang Puck

Continue that strong start to the new year with some inspiring cookbooks.

Stirring Up Memories: Meals and Treats from Fox Run Bed & Breakfast

By Heidi Wigand-Nicely (Heidi Wigand-Nicely) \$27.95 Don't want to spend a lot of time in the kitchen but wish to have wonderful breakfast dishes that your family and friends will love? This book is for you. Local author and

former owner of Fox Run Bed & Breakfast offers you delicious, reliable recipes that turn out every time. The dishes are made with readily available ingredients and are simple to prepare. Along with the recipes you'll enjoy anecdotes from Fox Run Bed & Breakfast throughout.



Prep, Cook, Freeze: A Paleo Meal Planning Cookbook

By Caroline Fausel (Page Street Publishing) \$24.99 Local author Caroline Fausel makes it easy to get a nutritious dinner on the table with 12 weeks of Paleo reci-

pes your whole family will love. Her innovative method combines the best aspects of meal planning, batch cooking, and freezer meals so you can pull together mouth-watering meals on even the busiest weeknights. This comprehensive plan includes helpful items from clear instructions to detailed grocery lists.

High Altitude Breakfast: Sweet and Savory Baking at 5,000 Feet and Above

By Nicole Hampton (West Margin Press) \$24.99 The book begins with a section on essential tools and ingredients for the home baker plus a primer on adjusting recipes to be successful at high altitude. Six recipe chapters offer more than 80 classic and modern recipes including breads, biscuits, pancakes, and waffles, sandwiches, layered toasts, breakfast casseroles, and more.