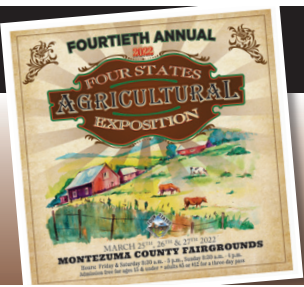


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Inflation and labor and supply chain disruptions test city, county



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Pablo Palma, left, and Ken Strayer, both with S&S Construction, set forms on Tuesday for the foundation of the La Plata County Sheriff's Office's new storage facility in Bodo Park. La Plata County and city of Durango face sustained challenges from inflation and supply chain and labor disruptions, increasing the costs of projects and delaying their completion.

Resort to limit festival noise

Tico Time owner addresses concerns voiced by neighbors

BY NICHOLAS A. JOHNSON
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Tico Time River Resort and RV Park owner Rob Holmes says the resort is taking actions to mitigate noise for upcoming music festivals this spring and summer after neighborhood complaints last year.

"We have 80 acres, and we feel like we can do things to mitigate noise, and be a good neighbor," he said.

Holmes gave a presentation to the San Juan County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday to talk about the resort's noise mitigation plans. The resort is less than a mile south of the Colorado state line between Aztec and Durango.

During his presentation, Holmes said there would be fewer musical acts at the festivals this year and the main stage would be finished by 10:30 p.m. Holmes also said the number of music acts scheduled on Sundays will be limited.

San Juan County Commissioner Steve Lanier thanked Holmes for his presentation and asked if there would be any security this year. Holmes said a 24-hour security team has been hired and will enforce quiet time after 11 p.m.

Last year when the resort began hosting festivals, a number of residents complained about loud music and nude festivalgoers after The River of Souls Festival on May 20-22, 2021.

The River of Souls Festival was not produced by Tico Time, and performers brought their own equipment.

"That festival we had huge speakers that were

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Costs, delays mount

BY AEDAN HANNON
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Almost since the pandemic first began, supply chains have been thrown for a loop, causing delays and driving up costs for many businesses and consumers.

Inflation has compounded the economic consequences of disrupted supply chains, sending costs even higher.

From January 2021 to January 2022, the consumer price index, an inflation metric that measures how much consumers pay for goods and services, rose 7.5%, the largest 12-month increase since February 1982, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

As gas prices grip the attention of La Plata County residents, the county and city of Durango face sustained challenges from supply chain and labor disruptions and inflation. All three are driving up costs and extending lead times, in some cases forcing the delays of planned projects. With no end in sight, the two governments are adapting by building time into

See **COSTS, 10A**



Lee Gurule, director of general services for La Plata County, looks over the construction of the La Plata County Sheriff's Office's new storage facility on Tuesday in Bodo Park. The cost of steel for the project has increased 30% because of supply chain disruptions, Gurule said.

Civil rights groups sue election deniers for 'voter intimidation'

Canvassers' door-to-door campaign tactics called into question

BY CHASE WOODRUFF
COLORADO NEWSLINE

A trio of civil rights organizations has sued a group of far-right Colorado election conspiracists in federal court, alleging

that their unsuccessful efforts to uncover fraud through door-to-door canvassing amount to a "voter intimidation campaign" in violation of the Ku Klux Klan Act.

The lawsuit, filed on March

9 in U.S. District Court by the Colorado NAACP, the League of Women Voters of Colorado and Mi Familia Vota, also accuses the U.S. Election Integrity Plan and three individual defendants of violating the Voting Rights

Act through what it calls their "intimidating, threatening and coercive conduct."

The allegations relate to the door-knocking efforts that USEIP has undertaken in counties across Colorado and in several other states. Leaders of the group, which was founded by supporters of former President

Donald Trump in the wake of his defeat in the 2020 election, have spoken often about their campaign and released a volunteer guide for what they call "voter verification canvassing."

The lawsuit's plaintiffs allege that USEIP's activities, which

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